

J. Snow's maiden speech

In his maiden speech to the Ontario Legislature last Tuesday Jim Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East, told of the "highly diversified community of residential, industrial and agricultural interests" here in Halton East riding. Mr. Snow praised the community for its endeavors to satisfy all three interests. He cited Ford Motor Company, Shell Oil, B.P. Canada Limited Refineries, Mack Truck Company, Xerox, General Electric, Duplate Com-

pany and Procor Limited as being among Oakville's major industrial concerns. He told the legislature about P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Company, one of Ontario's oldest industries, founded by the late Peter Robertson who is also the inventor of the sockit head screw. Mr. Snow spoke briefly about Georgetown's two paper mills established on the Credit River in the early 1800's.



HALTON EAST M.P.P. JIM SNOW
Makes maiden speech in Legislature

Sheridan Park an asset

Mr. Snow spoke about the Sheridan Park Research Centre and its effect on the industries in Halton East. Backed by the Ontario Government, the centre is devoted to industrial research and development. It was founded in 1964.

"The industrial plants in my riding and employment have almost doubled since the year 1960. However great the rate of change has been, there seems little doubt that the opening of the Sheridan Park Research Community in 1964 has had and will have an even greater economic and social impact," Mr. Snow explained.

Situated in the community are nine companies, with the Ontario Research Foundation as its

nucleus, and including Dunlop Rubber, Aditibi Paper, British American Oil.

"Thirteen hundred scientists, technicians and supporting personnel are presently working at the park. By 1970, it is expected that there will be one hundred million dollars worth of buildings, with a total of six thousand employees on staff researching and developing for the benefit of Ontario industries.

During 1966, 23 new manufacturing establishments located in this area and 27 existing plants proceeded with expansion programs," Mr. Snow noted.

From this Mr. Snow drew the conclusion "Our industrial community is most vigorous and healthy and providing virtual total employment in our area."

GO to go northward?

Mr. Snow termed the innovation of GO Transit as "one of the greatest assets since Confederation to lakeshore communities of our Metro Area."

"This modern commuter service has had a valuable impact and effect in my riding. Approximately one of every three workers in Halton County travel to the metro area to work, the existing service is being used to capacity and must be expanded,"

he explained.

Mr. Snow told the legislature an expansion of the existing line to serve Milton, Cooksville and Streetsville via the C.P.R. and through Milton, Bramalea, Brampton, Georgetown and Acton would have the same success and acceptance as the lakeshore route and would allow these areas to develop as planned satellite cities as has been suggested by so many planners.

Agricultural concerns

Mr. Snow expressed concern for the agricultural community in his riding. Eighty five per cent of the land in the riding is devoted to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Snow said his concern about the status of agriculture was not confined to his riding or Ontario but for Canada as a whole.

"It is my confirmed opinion that the farmers of our country are not sharing in the improving standards of living to the same extent as other sectors of our community," he stated.

By way of example he pointed out a farmer in 1946 who could sell 600 bushels of Ontario winter wheat at approximately \$2.15 per bushel and with the receipts from the sale, buy a three-plow tractor. Today he must sell 2,500 bushels of the same wheat to buy the same tractor.

Mr. Snow went farther and estimated they lose two to three cents a dozen on every egg produced. "In the last four years the egg producer has had two years in which he no doubt showed a loss, one year a minor profit and one year when a reasonable profit was possible."

Mr. Snow expressed concern about the eventual use of land being farmed now on a rental basis. "I contend, the larger and major portion of the increase in the net worth of farmers each year is derived by the increased value of his real estate and that a very small portion is brought

about by profits from his labors and capital investments in stock and equipment.

"I submit that the time has come when the farmer cannot maintain his profitability any longer by enlarging his units of operation and improving his efficiency. We must come up with an improved agricultural policy for Canada and I emphasize "Canada". Our Honorable Minister of Agriculture and his department have implemented many programs for the benefit of Ontario farmers. I submit, however, one province alone in this great country cannot completely correct the problems of its farmers."

Mr. Snow criticized the Federal Government for withdrawing important programs. Those specified were (1) The reduction of the premiums for grade "A" hogs from \$3 to \$2. (2) The reduction of premiums for choice lambs from \$2 to \$1 and the deletion of premiums for good quality carcasses. (3) The removal completely of the two cents per pound premiums for quality Canadian cheese effective April 1, 1968. (4) Deleting a grant program for improved refrigerated storage conditions in cheese factories. (5) Cutting in half their assistance to the prairie farm rehabilitation dig-out or farm pond program which concerns the building of farm wells, ponds, buildings, water supplies, drainage and fence removal.

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He suggested a 10 cent tax be levied on aircraft fuel. Over 10 million gallons are sold annually,

Tax for aircraft fuel

Speaking about the proposed provincial airport tax, Mr. Snow encouraged a broadening of the plan to include all of Ontario rather than just northern Ontario.

representing a revenue of one million dollars.

He said it was of value to the private or corporate aircraft owner to have as many airports or landing strips as possible and he should not mind the tax if the money were earmarked for that purpose.

A home for Steam-Era

The Halton East M.P.P. told the legislature of the great work being carried out by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

The most prominent of their exploits is the Kelso Conservation Area, visited by more than 125,000 people in 1967, he explained.

He said Kelso was the home

of the Halton County Museum, and is now complete with swimming, picnic and skating areas. We are looking forward to the proposed Ontario Agricultural Museum and a permanent location for the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association's collection of steam-powered equipment and agricultural antiques, Mr. Snow said.

Housing for seniors

On housing, the Halton East M.P.P. spoke highly of such programs as those provided by the Ontario Housing Corporation and the HOME plan. He encouraged the adoption of the National Building Code. Mr. Snow has a resolution on the order paper dealing with this and it is expected to come up soon.

He commended those responsible for the job done in Halton in providing housing for Senior Citizens. He mentions the Halton Centennial Manor in Milton and the Senior Citizens Housing in Oakville provided by the Oakville

Rotary Club. The club in cooperation with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Ontario Housing Corporation and the Municipal Council have provided over 100 units for the senior citizens at no cost to the community.

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GO trains won't go northward

The North Halton area won't be getting GO Train commuter service for a while yet.

Although Halton East's newly-elected M.P.P. Jim Snow suggested a GO train line to north Halton in his maiden speech in the legislature last week, Highways Minister George Gonne says it isn't so. The government is doing a study on the GO train service and it won't be completed for two to three years, Gonne said.

Mr. Snow said the GO train should be extended northwards to Cooksville, Streetsville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton along existing CNR and CPR lines. Right now the service stretches along the lakeshore from Ajax to Hamilton. Designed to serve 15,000 passengers a day, it is already carrying 17,000 daily.

Authority chairman suggests

Start dam program without federal grants

It may be cheaper for the Grand River Conservation Authority to start its \$30,000,000 dam program without federal grants, authority chairman James S. Bauer has suggested.

Addressing Brantford Rotary Club, Mr. Bauer said land values in the areas of the five dams planned by the authority are increasing rapidly.

He said it might be to the ad-

vantage of the 71 municipalities in the valley to make a start on the program with only a 50 per cent grant from the Ontario government.

The dam program has been approved by the provincial government, which has agreed to contribute 37 1/2 per cent of the cost. Federal grants amounting to 37 1/2 per cent were

sought more than a year ago but approval has still not been received.

Mr. Bauer said support for the program by valley municipalities and by the Ontario government "has never been at a higher level."

"But it would appear that because of financial and political uncertainties at the federal level, our program will be delayed a little longer. This is most unfortunate."

The five dams are planned for west Montrose, north of Kitchener; at Everton, west of Guelph; on Guelph's northern boundary; and at Ayr, west of Galt.

Mr. Bauer said the Grand River valley is abundantly blessed with

natural resources—land, water, forests, wildlife and potential recreation areas.

"Have these assets or resources been properly managed in the past? The answer can surely be a resounding no," said Mr. Bauer.

He said the management of water is the usual limiting factor in the development of an area.

The Grand valley has an average rainfall of 35 inches a year and 40 per cent of this flows by way of ditches, streams and rivers into Lake Erie.

But less than a fifth of this runoff is now being managed for the benefit of the valley, hence the need for the large dams as well as a number of smaller dams.

Increased G.R.C.A. budget due to proposed dam

A budget of \$5,277,098 was approved Friday by the Grand River Conservation Authority's board of directors at a meeting at Breslaid, near Kitchener. The amount is up from \$1,092,566 spent in 1967.

The increase is due largely to a \$2,000,000 figure set aside for buying land for a proposed dam near West Montrose, north of Kitchener, one of five in a \$30,000,000 program planned by the authority. Last year's budget of \$2,093,300 included a out \$1,000,000 worth of work that was not started in 1967. These projects have been included in the 1968 budget.

Government grants of \$3,474,929 and special contributions reduce the amount to be raised by the 71 municipalities in the valley through a general levy to \$470,733.

Municipalities will pay just over \$1.14 per capita (114.36 cents), an increase of about 12 cents from last year's levy.

The authority is budgeting for grants of \$1,500,000 toward the cost of buying the Montrose dam site. This is based on the hope that the federal government will approve the five-dam program and contribute 37 1/2 per cent of the cost. The Ontario government has already agreed to pay 37 1/2 per cent of the cost of the five dams.

Other major items in the budget are:

1. Development of the Chlicoopa conservation area in Kitchener, including building a small dam and bridge and construction of a year-round chalet-pavilion, \$171,500.
2. Purchase of valley lands, as part of a program to create

corridors of green (beads) the river, \$200,000.

3. Construction of a dam and creation of a lake and park around it on Galt Creek, just outside Galt, \$876,000.

4. Construction of a dam on Caranquigo Creek and cleaning out the Floradale mill pond north of Elmira, \$407,500.

The budget includes cost of administration \$329,150 (compared to \$297,595 spent last year); conservation services, \$52,350 (\$37,352); dam operation and maintenance, \$91,500 (\$40,105); and conservation area expenses, \$157,300 (\$96,678). Revenue from conservation areas is estimated at \$119,000 compared to \$118,392 taken in last year.

In addition to helping Chlicoopa area, the authority is planning work at a number of other conservation areas.

Biggest project, next to Chlicoopa, is construction of a beach house at Elora Gorge Park, at a cost of \$80,000. Other conservation area expenditures planned include:

- Bolwood Lake, \$31,000; Byng Island \$54,000; Conostogo Lake, \$56,000; Luther Marsh, \$37,000; Laurel Creek, Waterloo, \$52,000; Pinhurst, near Galt, \$41,403; Puslinch Lake, \$53,500 (mostly for land purchases); Rockwood \$15,000; and Taquanah, \$10,000.

More calls

After reading in last week's Free Press about a woman receiving nuisance phone calls, another woman called to say she, too, had just recently had three of the annoying calls from pranksters.



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