



OCTOBER — Rain and cold weather hold attendance down at fall fair.



NOVEMBER — High school commencement. From left, board chairman T. H. Van Sicker, valedictorian Johanna Gordon, new principal Michael Furlong.

HALTON EAST M.P.



JIM SNOW REPORTS

This last week of legislative sittings prior to the Christmas recess has been very busy with the Government anxious to have certain items of business completed prior to the recess.

Although the Throne Debate continued intermittently throughout the week major emphasis was placed on Committee approval and Third Reading of the new Expropriation Act. The final committee approval was given on Thursday evening, with Third Reading taking place Friday morning after which the Lt. Governor entered the house and gave Royal assent to this very important bill which becomes effective immediately.

On the new Expropriation Act receiving third reading the content of this act was praised not only by the Government but by the two opposition parties and the Attorney General and his staff were highly complimented for their work in bringing forward such excellent legislation which will serve to protect the rights of so many people within the Province of Ontario.

On Wednesday morning, I accompanied a delegation of town councillors and staff from the town of Oakville at a meeting with the Honourable George Gomme, Minister of Highways, at which time Oakville's final brief was submitted on the Burlington - Oakville traffic study. At this meeting basic agreement was established on the new road pattern and subsidy structure for the town and now the final plans will be prepared and documents signed which will allow the municipal officials to proceed with their planning and construction of the highway system for many years to come.

On Thursday afternoon Mayor Anderson, Reeve Allan Day and Deputy Reeve Bill Gillies along with members of the town of Oakville staff and myself met with the Honourable Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at which time Oakville presented to the minister a brief on the town's proposal for regional government for Halton County. This brief was not released for publication at this time, but I can say that the Minister was most interested in the views of Oakville representatives and complimented them on their very complete presentation.

On Friday afternoon a further meeting was held between

the Minister of Municipal Affairs and representatives of Halton County Council and the mayors of all municipalities within the county, again to discuss regional government for the county of Halton.

Mr. McKeough announced that a meeting will be held in late January with representatives of Halton and Peel County, at which time a preliminary submission on a plan for regional government will be presented to the councils at that time for their consideration.

The Honourable William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture & Food announced this week plans for a major expansion at the Centralia College of Agricultural Technology.

Mr. Stewart said that a new veterinary service laboratory will use the former Airforce base hospital building and that conversion work on the building will begin early in the new year, so as to provide a service to livestock producers of western Ontario as soon as possible.

Prime Minister Robarts announced in a report to the Legislature Friday afternoon the position of the Ontario Government on expansion of Halton Airport. Mr. Robarts stated that the Government agreed with and urged limited expansion at this time of the airport by extending two existing runways and the construction of new terminal facilities so that adequate transportation facilities will be available to the people of Ontario.

Mr. Robarts did however, urge further federal-provincial study of the airport situation for the Toronto area before any

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major decision should be made by the federal Department of Transport on major extensions to the Toronto International Airport which could adversely affect the residents of the surrounding area.

As the Legislature will be in recess until late in January, and my next weekly report to the constituents of Halton East will not appear until that time, may I take this opportunity of again wishing all the residents of Halton East a very happy and prosperous new year.

GREETINGS



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