

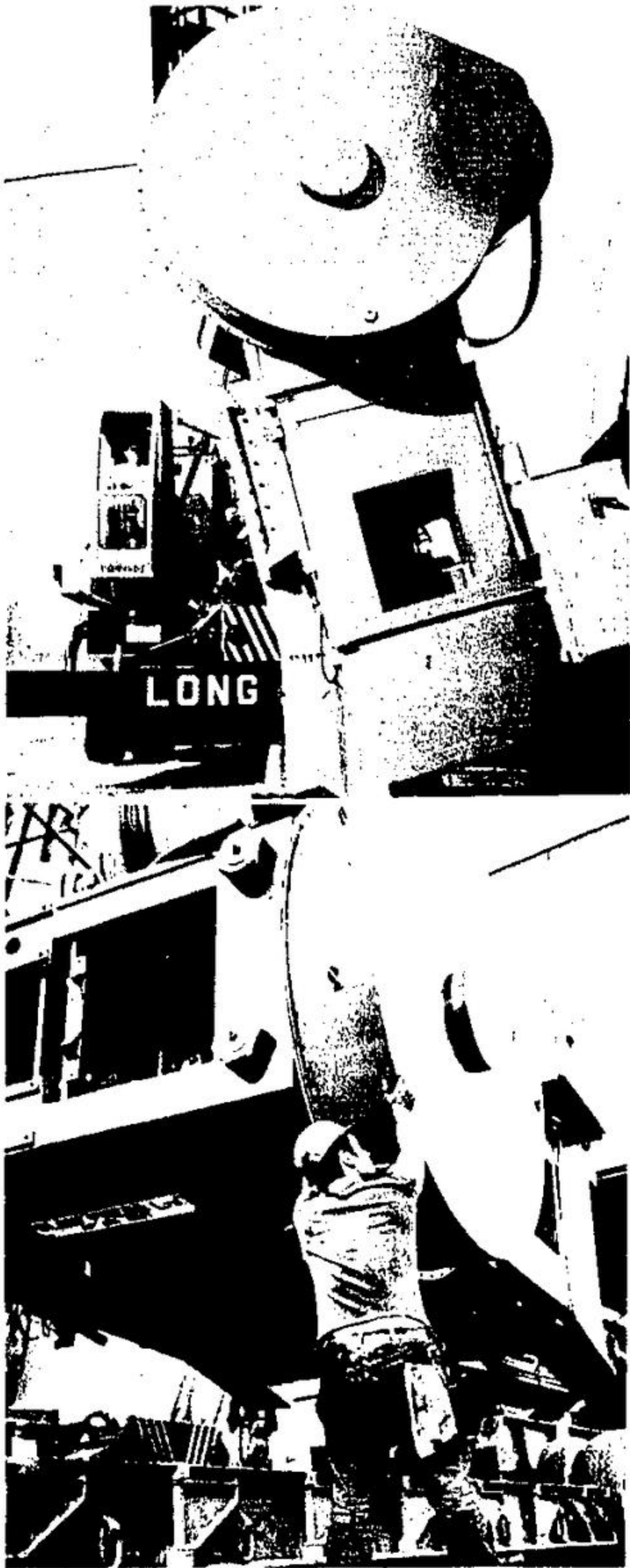
Press province to give grants sooner

Jack Carpenter filmed a Toronto Argonaut practice session for television last week.

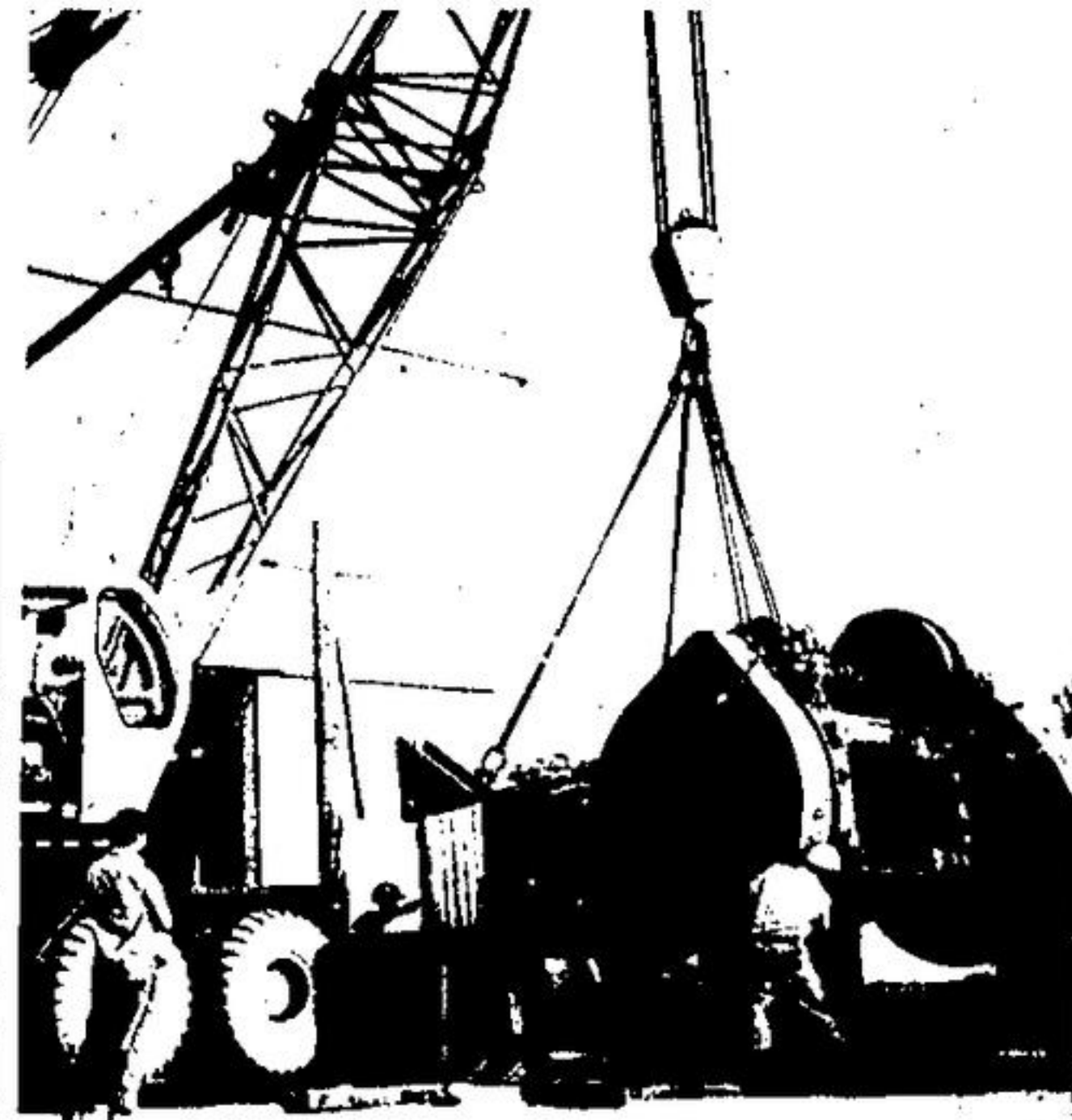


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A brief tabled at the Halton County Board of Education's July meeting recently asks that the provincial government pay 100 per cent of their grant to the boards during the boards' fiscal year which runs January to December and that the grants be paid according to the normal cash flow of an operating board.

According to the brief 55 per cent of the board's spending is done in the first six months of the year but the province in 1971 had only provided 37 per cent of their share of the grants during the first six months leaving the municipality to pick up 71 per cent of their share during the first half year.

Lags behind
According to the brief, the point is, the Department of Education delays its payment of grants and lags behind throughout the year and the load on the municipalities is increased.

The municipalities suffer in two ways; first because most of their available funds are tied up in funding the Board's operation and the interest on monies borrowed for themselves and for the board would be an unnecessary charge if the department would maintain its fair share of the current operating expenditures.

Some municipalities argue that if they did not have to pay such a large percentage of their share so early in the year they could invest monies in short term loans and collect interest.

Stay under ceiling
The brief notes, "The board of course is concerned at the fact that the carrying charges are part of the cost per pupil and hence, make it more difficult to remain under the ceilings of the department."

The board's brief urges two steps be taken: 1. The board requests that 100 per cent of the grants payable on a budget be

paid during the board's fiscal year (January to December) and that rather than a five per cent hold back now in effect, reconciliation be made the following year. The brief suggests boards be charged interest on over estimates to emphasize the need for strict budgeting.

The second request urges a more realistic apportionment of the payment of grants by the Department be established in relation to the normal cash flow of the boards. In other words the board wants the money when the need is there rather than several months later.

Still owes
At the present time the province still owes \$1,100,000 for the 1970 operation of the board. Part of the problem lies in the fact that the boards' and municipalities' fiscal year does not coincide with the provinces. The battle is an old one. For many years municipalities have had to finance projects and bear

the expense of financing until the province sends grant money through.

The board's brief, dealing with education grants only, will be the topic of discussion at a future board meeting and if approved by the board will eventually be sent to Queen's Park for consideration.

Delegates to Aurora

John Dunne and Jim Thornhill were Acton firefighters' official delegates at the Volunteer Firefighters' convention last weekend at Aurora. Mrs. Dunne and Mrs. Thornhill went with their husbands for the three-day program of special events.

Councillor Orval Chapman also attended the meetings Saturday.

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Slides into third suspect broken leg

Doug Lucas, right fielder for the Glen Williams entry in the Intercounty Fastball League, is in Georgetown and district hospital with a possible fracture to his right ankle following a slide into third base in a game with

Pete's Barber Shop, Tuesday night.
Lucas slid into third in the top of the ninth inning and somehow his leg twisted underneath him. He was taken to hospital by ambulance.

The Glen won the game, clipping Pete's 6-2. Dave Hurley took the loss for Acton. He was relieved by Ed Phillips in the sixth.

Want lower levies

"It's great news. I'm extremely pleased."
That was dairy farmer Delmer Bennett's reaction when he heard the news that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture had decided to go for higher support prices for butter, skim milk powder and cheese, as well as lower levies on milk.

floor prices and reduced levies because the surpluses that once threatened the dairy industry have practically disappeared.
The resolution passed at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture semi-annual meeting called for an increase in the support price of two cents a pound for butter; two cents a pound for skim milk powder; and three cents a pound for cheese. It proposed a reduction in within quota levy of 10 cents a hundredweight, and a reduction in over-quota levy of \$1.05 a hundredweight.

Meeting in Penticton, British Columbia, the directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture decided Tuesday, July 27, to press the Canadian Dairy Commission for higher

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