

Environmental Board report recommends few changes in 500kv hydro corridor

According to the Deputy Minister H. M. Dillon, the Environment's Hearing Board report on the 10 day long hearings held in Hillsburgh this summer over the proposed Bradley Junction to Georgetown 500 kV hydro transmission corridor, has little to report.

Mr. Dillon told a Toronto newspaper there is nothing really startling in the report. "There were some modifications in the proposed routing, but nothing major."

However, Interested Citizens Group, which includes residents along the route of the corridor from Halton Hills to Bradley, will not likely have an opportunity to see the document until the middle of January. Mr. Dillon said the report is in the hands of the printers now.

He said the ministry wants to circulate the report widely to make sure everyone affected knows about it before any final decisions are made.

The ministry has had five copies of the report since December 10 and Energy Minister Timbrell could have tabled it in the Legislature immediately but decided instead to have it studied by a Cabinet committee and printed.

According to press reports, Ontario Hydro is unhappy with the cautious approach of the Government to the report. A Hydro spokesman said the month's delay on the start of the corridor project could cost as high as \$4 million in "bottling-up" costs. The costs will develop out of the need to burn fossil fuels instead of

uranium to meet power demands.

The first 750-megawatt unit at Bruce nuclear station is to go into service next September and it is expected the second will start in the middle of 1977 and the third by mid-1978. The final unit, according to Hydro, is slated for completion a year later.

Existing transmission lines can cope with power produced by the first two units and some from the third unit but Ontario Hydro claims any delays in completing the Bradley-Georgetown line beyond the summer of 1978 will cost heavily. Further delays will be even more costly.

Citizens along the route, especially from Halton Hills, have insisted Hydro has alternative routes they already own which would do away with the necessity of a new transmission corridor which will erect 160 foot towers through the centre of Halton Hills, and into Erin township, on the way to Bradley Junction.

Hydro estimates it will take two years to construct the towers but the corporation expects years of negotiations and possible court battles before construction begins. Hydro thought it had received the necessary approval to go ahead in July of 1974 when then Energy Minister Darcy McKeough said planned public hearings on the corridor would be dispensed with because Hydro was in a hurry.

McKeough said it was critical the line be built by 1977,

claiming the economic penalty to electric power users of Ontario would be between \$13 and \$33 million a year in 1977 and would rise to between \$39 and \$61 million a year in 1979.

That was before Premier Davis announced an election and the Government reversed its earlier decision, ordering hearings by the Environmental Hearing Board on a 22 mile stretch of the proposed corridors which enraged residents, claimed skirted the homes of the affluent and influential and took up land from farmers who really filled the land.

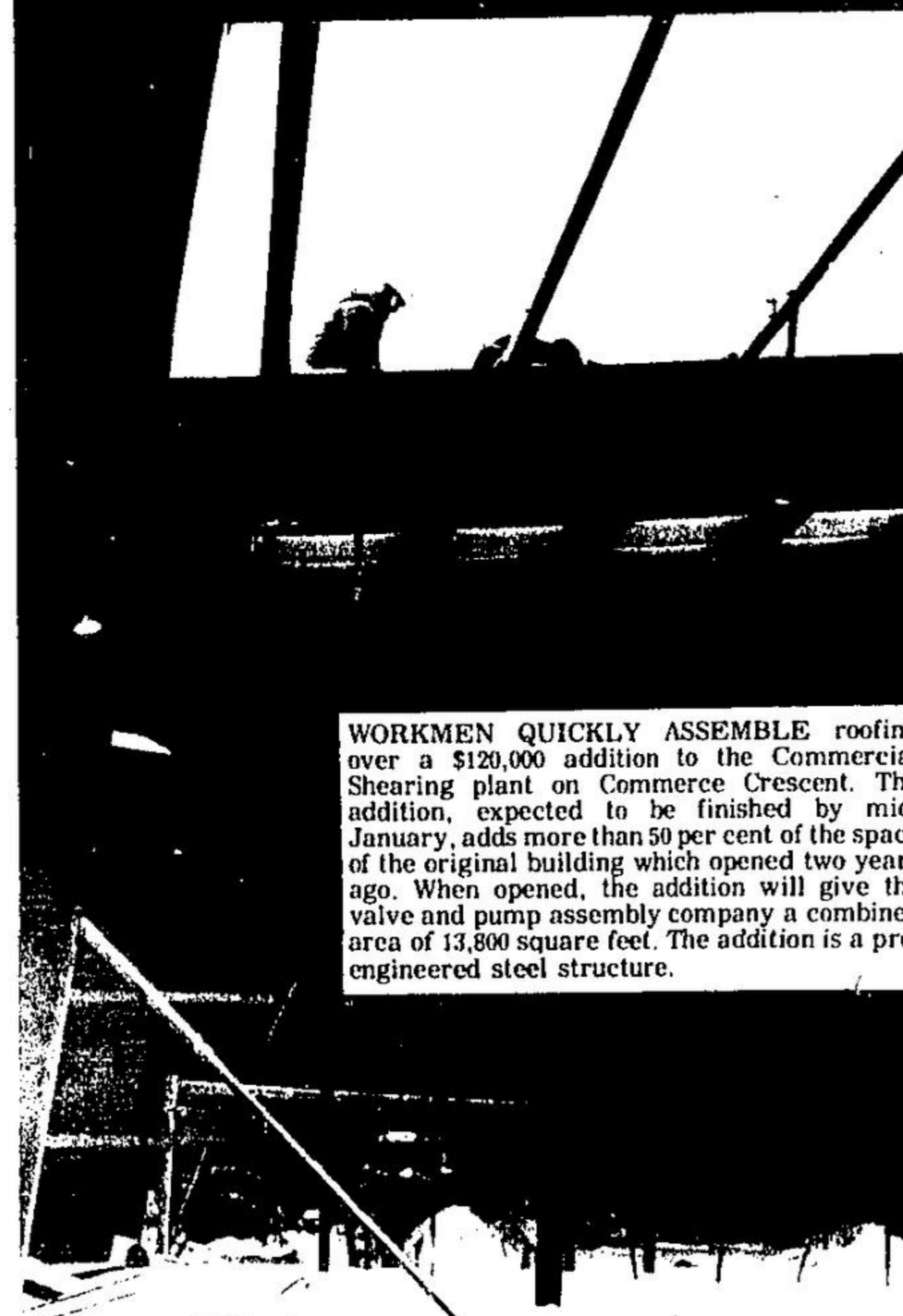
The charges stung and the hearings took place at Hillsburgh with 10 days of often bitter acrimony between Ontario Hydro experts on one hand and residents of the area on the other.

Residents complained bitterly about the limited terms of reference the board was stuck with, claiming there should be an independent hearing for the entire corridor. Politicians of all stripes in Halton-Hurlington also suggested they agreed with this view and when Premier Davis was slated to visit Georgetown on the Friday prior to the provincial election, PC candidate Gary Dawkins said Mr. Davis would make a statement on the request. But signals got crossed and the best Mr. Davis would do was promise Bill Stewart, former Minister of Agriculture would look into the matter.

When Liberal Julian Reed won the seat in Halton-Burlington, a leading George-

town Tory acknowledged people along the transmission corridor had voted for Dawkins' opponents and attributed his loss in part at least to the spectre of a transmission line without any independent study.

Following the election efforts by members of the Interested Citizens group have made attempts to get copies of transcripts of the Hillsburgh hearings without success, much to their chagrin. Gordon Kidd, Halton Hills farmer and member of the Interested Citizens, recalls the chairman of the Environmental Hearing Board assured them they would be able to secure copies of the transcripts. They also insist Mr. Stewart has done nothing about looking into the possibility of reopening the case for or against locating the corridor.



WORKMEN QUICKLY ASSEMBLE roofing over a \$120,000 addition to the Commercial Shearing plant on Commerce Crescent. The addition, expected to be finished by mid-January, adds more than 50 per cent of the space of the original building which opened two years ago. When opened, the addition will give the valve and pump assembly company a combined area of 13,800 square feet. The addition is a pre-engineered steel structure.

TV won

Guida Lynda Henderson, 12, is the lucky winner of the 20-inch portable television offered in the Scout Group committee's draw. The draw was made Christmas Eve afternoon at the Bank of Nova Scotia by Rotarian Gary Dawkins.

Rotarian Don McDonald got right on the phone to the winner and delivered her prize to her home. Lynda now has the TV hooked up in her own room.

She was delighted and says it's the first time she ever won anything.

Four chances

The family had four tickets on the TV draw. Sister Leslie, a Brownie, had been selling tickets herself.

The Hendersons live at 225 Elmore Dr.

The sale of draw tickets was a project of the Scout Group committee's to raise money for the scout hall addition.

Valve plant addition by mid-Jan.

Commercial Shearing Ltd., which opened a pump and valve assembly plant here two years ago, is assembling an 8,400 square foot addition. The project increases the company's floor space by 155 per cent.

Erection of the \$120,000 pre-engineered steel structure will take seven weeks, with a completion date in mid-January.

The addition is being made to the rear of the present building on Commerce Crescent. The company is extending its valve and pump assembly area of the original plant, into the addition. The decision to expand was made last spring.

There is land to the east of the project, which may be used for future expansion.

The entire structure arrived at the site on the back of one flatbed truck. After grading and the laying of a foundation, four iron workers pieced together the skeleton of the single storey structure. Workmen roofed the 60 by 140 square foot area with a double skin of insulation and light steel. The walls are thin steel and insulation.

The original building measures 60 by 90 square

feet.

One feature of the addition which underscores Commercial Shearing's use of trucks to convey parts and products, is the two large doors at the rear for vehicles.

Commercial Shearing has nine men assembling parts manufactured in the United States and Canada. The company's headquarters are in Youngstown, Ohio.

Examples of machines which incorporate hydraulic

equipment from Commercial Shearing are backhoes, forklifts, loaders, and cherry-pickers.



LYNDA HENDERSON happily shows a Rotary draw ticket to her younger sister Leslie, who is a Brownie, and little Jennifer. Lynda, who is 12, won the color television set Christmas Eve.



GARY DAWKINS reaches in for the lucky name while Bank of Nova Scotia manager Grant Schultz watches. Voila!

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Bookkeeping for a Small Business	Wed. Jan. 14	7:00 - 10:00	8	\$15	McGillivray
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Crochet I.	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	McCulloch
Crochet II	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	McCulloch
First Aid - St. John's Ambulance	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$15	Beamer ***
French: Conversational **	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Beraneck
General Shopwork	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$12	Rognvaldson
Landscaping	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Schubert
Macrame	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Hamilton
Off Loom Weaving	Tue. Jan. 20	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Hamilton
Sewing with Knit Fabrics	Wed. Jan. 14	7:00 - 10:00	8	\$15	Hannah
Sketching & Drawing	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Goring
Typing **	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Shean

** Indicates that course has been operating for 12 weeks. Registrations will be accepted for the final 8 weeks if students feel they can profit from instruction.
 *** For further information regarding the First Aid Course, contact Mr. Bremer, 853-2030.

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Mayor Hill chosen police commissioner

Mayor Tom Hill beat out Burlington Mayor George Harrington for a seat on Halton Region Police Commission, last week.

In a three man race for the two regional representative seats on the commission, Mayor Harry Barrett, Oakville, polled 16 votes, Mayor Hill received 14, and Mayor Harrington eight. The vote was taken at regional council.

The mayor's appointment raises Halton Hills membership to two, on the five-man commission. Glenn Magnuson has been a member of the commission since it was established, along with the setting up of regional government.

Judge W. K. Warrender is chairman of the commission.

with William Hourigan of Burlington the fifth member. The appointed members of the commission receive \$5,000 per year, while the chairman is paid \$6,000.

This will be first time Mayor Tom Hill has served on a police commission, and would make little comment. He said, "It's too early for me to talk about police operations, first I have to learn what I'm doing. The first thing I'll do is study the Police Act."

Most stores were closed Boxing Day but nearly all were back in business on Saturday.

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