Cleaning Tenders drop \$3,244 in '83

town buildings will drop \$3,244 in 1983. Tenders for the build-

ing showed a total cost for pext year of \$39,253, down from \$42,497 in

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The cost of cleaning recreation office \$1,320, the cultural centre \$17,980 and the Acton office \$2,220.

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holidays enjoy a free skate and swim compliments of the Acton and December 27 from 7.30 Georgetown Lions and to 9.00 p.m. and Public Rotary Clubs.

In conjunction with the Recreation and Parks Department the Acton and Georgetown Lions Clubs are sponsoring free swimming December 27th to 30

During the Christmas Pools. In addition there will be a Family Swim at the Acton Pool. Swims in both Pools on December 28 from 8 to 9

The Georgetown and Acton Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the Recreation and Parks Defrom 1.30 to 3.00 p.m. at partment are sponboth the Acton and soring free skating in Georgetown Indoor Acton and Georgetown town Memorial Arena ber 28, 2.30 to 3.50 p.m.

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from December 28 to 30. will be open December and December 27 to 30, p.m. for Family Skating. The Acton Skating. The George- Arena will open Decem-

The Gordon Alcott 26, 2.30 to 3,20 p.m. and 2.00 to 3,20 p.m. for Pub-Arena will be open December 27 to 30, 1.30 lic Skating. December 26, 1.30 to 2.50 to 2.50 p.m. for Public

Many thanks to the Georgetown and Acton Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Report from Queen's Park

By JULIAN REED MPP Haken-Berlington

The Provincial Government has introduced a motion which would have the effect of forcing passage of its controversial restraint bill. A restricted amount of time would be allocated for each of three stages of debate and the government considers the motion a democratic procedure for "this particular bill." While the Liberal Party supports the basic principle of the wage restraint bill, we are opposed to the government's motion which we consider a procedural innovation, not included in the Legislature's standing orders. which should be referred to the proceddural affairs committee for examination before a debate and vote. Since its introduction at a special session of the Legislature on the 21st September, the public sector restraint bill has already been debated for 138 hours. Forced passage of the legislation will probably mean that the Treasurer will not be able to obtain some 15 technical amendments which he wanted to have, but he has stated he is prepared to live with the bill as it stands.

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Provincial employment. Government's spending on jobs for young Ontarians has actually fallen in real terms over the past four years. In that period, increases in government spending on youth unemployment programs have declined more than 16 per cent behind the inflation rate.

Some 142,000 people in Ontario between the ages of 15 and 24 were out of work in the 1979. 80 period-50,000 fewer than today. Bringing these facts to the attention of the Legislature, Liberal Leader David Peterson stated the Government would need to invest another \$41million on jobs for the young in order to bring spending up to previous levels. In fact, the government has budgeted to spend some \$90-million this year on job programs for young people, and the sum would be almost \$109 million if spending had kept even with inflationary increases. Ontario Place

The \$400,000 construction contract for Future Pod at Ontario Place was raised in the Legislature by Liberal Pat Reld of Rainy River (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee). He charged that the contract was thrown to a Tory company because of patronage, that "They were throwing a few more tidbits to their friends.

In this annual report, the Provincial Auditor had criticized Ontario Place, and the responsible Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, for letting the Future Pod contracts without competitive bidding last sping, a practice which violated the government's manual of administration. Bypassing the bidding process, the Acting Deputy Minister had approved an exemption on the grounds that the contract was mainly "technical consulting services," although the Auditor noted that, except for \$90,000 the contract was for construction, in connection with which no exemption is permitted by the government's own regulations.

The Acting Deputy Minister had approved giving the contract to Display Service Co. Ltd., an alfillate of well-known Conservative agency, Foster Advertising Ltd. of Toronto. Questioned further on this question, the Minister told the House that he is planning \$300,000 in improvements to Future Pod for next summer, and that "there will be plenty of competitive bidding."

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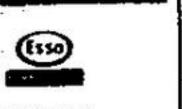


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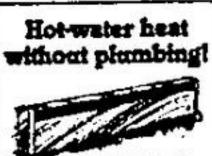
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