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## Hydro Progress Museum Opening Soon to Visitors

The Ontario Hydro collection of electrical artifacts now has an attractive new home. A new setting has provided a sparkling environment in which to display the Hydro museum collection.

The entire electrical collection has been moved from the original location in the hydraulics building in the Hydro Service Centre compound, Kipling and North Queen Street, to a nearby leased building at 26-28 Advance Road in Etobicoke. This is just half a block east of Kipling Avenue near the entrance to the A.W. Manby Transformer Station.

The modern two-storey structure in which the unique

museum collection now is housed provides a total of 16,850 square feet and offers ample space for display purposes. It was a former glass factory and warehouse.

Plans are now being considered by Ted Dietrich, Museum Co-ordinator, to have the museum depot opened in a limited way to visitors during daytime. Later in the Fall, it is hoped that the museum will be open by pre-arrangement for classes of school children to tour the hydro museum which contains more electrical artifacts than any other museum on the continent.

It is also hoped by the fall

months to have a number of special rooms set up for exhibits. These will include the famous Arthur Plumptre collection of electrical lamps; a special room containing measuring instruments; a room displaying household appliances; another room with wiring devices and still another room with motors and generators on display.

Ted Dietrich announced that consideration is being given to the likelihood of having some of the interesting electrical artifacts displayed more widely by loaning one or more of the displays to various Ontario Hydro offices or to Hydro municipal utility offices also to

other museums in the province.

The concept of the museum of electrical progress originated from members of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, especially a former president of the association, Lt. Col. A.A. Kennedy, when he headed the organization in 1954. Col. Kennedy who at that time became an Ontario Hydro Commissioner has championed the idea of a museum for several years. He and others thought that there should be a well-organized collection of artifacts to preserve the history of the industry and to make known the progress over the years so that students, engineers and others might be more aware of the interesting background of the electrical industry.

**MAMMOTH OPERATION**

Moving the collection from the original depot locale in the hydraulics building to the new quarters was a mammoth operation. Sixty large flat-bottom, tandem truck loads were required to transport the thousands of items from tiny-sized lamp bulbs to huge cumbersome, old generators. All the items in the collection had to be carefully itemized and packed in thousands of cartons and well marked and designated in their display groups. The more fragile things such as the Arthur Plumptre Lamp collection required special handling.

Mr. Dietrich, who has been the co-ordinator of the museum collection since its inception, pointed out that there are items in the collection from all over the world. He said that virtually everything was donated by firms and individuals who were interested in seeing these things preserved. The lamp collection is probably the finest in the world, he stated.

**EXCELLENT LIBRARY**

Besides the various displays that are now being set up, the museum collection boasts an excellent, expanding library. This library makes it possible to trace the history of electricity by means of original books and trade papers from the earliest days to the present. Students and historians who are interested in electrical artifacts often take advantage of the library's extensive collection of historic volumes, and borrow these for a short period.

Over the years that the Hydro museum depot has been in operation, a number of retired staff members of Ontario Hydro have worked diligently to bring the collection to its present restored state ready for display. Among these are Reg Jones, of Brampton, a former distribution engineer, who still comes in two or three days a week to research and catalogue the library's items. There is also Wally Goodspeed, a pensioner in Mississauga, who has been with the museum since he retired. Arthur Plumptre, of course, was a veteran pensioner who came regularly to the depot every day until he passed away four months ago. These and other veterans of Hydro have taken a keen interest in the museum collection and have given it loving care in restoring the many artifacts to their present state of excellence for display purposes.

Today the Hydro museum is becoming the finest electrical display centre of its kind in the world, thanks to the dedicated help of so many Ontario Hydro veterans.



This attractive, modern building at 26-28 Advance Road in Etobicoke houses the Hydro museum collection.



The Hydro museum has an excellent expanding library of early electrical books. Dietrich, (left), discusses the library collection with C. MacIntosh, Public Relations Officer.

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## Hunting, Wildlife Plan Proposed To Nassagaweya Township Council

"Quite frankly we don't want hunters in Nassagaweya Township but you're asking us to invite them," Township Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur told Doug Howell, an extension biologist with the Department of Lands and Forests.

Howell, accompanied by two members of the Halton Sportsmen's Association, attended Nassagaweya Council's regular meeting last week to explain the wildlife management program his department and the sportsmen hope to initiate in Nassagaweya Township.

Basically the program offers landowners the opportunity to allow hunters on their property to hunt and have up to one third of their property as a restricted zone.

Howell explained the program would be similar to one now operating in Ancaster. "We have had very few complaints from there since we put the program in," he said.

**BUFFER ZONES**

Mr. Howell told council the Department of Lands and Forest officers would patrol those areas that are under agreement. He said the status of those who did not enter the agreement would not change. He explained buffer zones would be established to provide the same safety and peace for those landowners not under agreement that had land abutting other land that was under agreement.

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**A CHOICE**

He told council the program simply gives the landowner the choice of having some of his land developed for wild game. He said those violating a restricted zone would meet with much stiffer penalties than they would at present.

The township's current by-law allows hunting with the written permission of the landowner. Howell is asking that the township change the by-law to read "written permission or under agreement with the Minister of Lands and Forests."

He noted additional enforcement could be carried out under the program and said at the

present time neither the OPP or the department would enforce the township's by-law.

**CAN WITHDRAW**

He said a Zenith number would be available for landowners to phone and immediately the man in the area would be notified. He said complaints of landowners under agreement would take precedence.

Agreements are signed for one year terms at first and the first year is used as an introduction for the landowner. After that longer terms are agreed upon and the landowner can withdraw at any time.

The department will provide assistance in land improvement for all forms of wildlife. The assistance would come after the first year and in the form of labor and materials and would improve the aesthetic value of the land.

**NOT WANTED**

While Deputy Reeve Don McMillan and councillors Jim Watson and J. C. McIntyre saw some merit in the plan, Reeve MacArthur remained in opposition to any change in the by-law.

"Our by-law is successful. We don't want hunters here and we haven't had complaints since we passed the by-law. I don't see any real reason why we should change it," she said.

Councillor Watson said he saw merit in the plan but only if it included parts of Esquesing, Oakville and Burlington so the heavy concentration wouldn't occur all in Nassagaweya.

Councillor McIntyre envisaged better protection for landowners under the program than what currently exists. A decision was deferred until a full council could be available. Councillor Art Gibson was absent.

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