## Local real estate is booming, area board president reports

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with board members in the

first six months of 1979 have

Real estate is booming in the - area served by the Brampton real estate board, which includes Georgetown, according

to the board's president, Tom-

Mr. Cooper reports 42 per

## Safetypatrollers ready to serve

A group of 75 Halton students returned last week from a camp in St. Catharines where they spent a week learning how to operate a safety patrol program in

The students, from all schools with a safety patrol program, spent the week at Ridley College at a program sponsored by the Hamilton Auto Club. Much of the program was run by police officers from Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and Paris.

One child from each school took part in the training program, Halton Regional Police Safety Officer Constable Raj Swaminathin said. The purpose of the program is to teach the students how to run a meeting, how to organize their safety patrol program in their school, and how to train the other students in their school who will

become safety patrollers. Ten schools in the Halton Hills area have safety patrol programs, Constable Swaminathin said. The program is entirely voluntary on the part of the principal of the school. The schools are St. Joseph's, M.Z. Bennett,

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been sold. Mr. Cooper Jerms this figure "excellent" especially when compared with the national average of 34 per Sales volume here is up to 18

per cent, compared to 25 per cent nationally

Many consider the percentage of listings sold as the major indicator of the strength of the existing residential property market.

Sales in the Brampton board's area, which covers Brampton, Georgetown, Malton and part of Caledon including Bolton, increased 13 per cent to 1,276 in the first half of the year, compared to the same period in 1978.

NATIONAL FIGURE The national figure, compiled by the Canadian Real Estate Association through its Multiple Listings Service, is 11 per cent.

Mr. Cooper attributed the healthy market to the "dual stimulus" of the federal government's proposed mortgage interest deductability scheme and the energy situation, which is encouraging the population to centralize closer to places of employment to

reduce commuter costs and "The board members are excited with the market and

the members are looking forward to a healthy fall market for both buyers and sellers," he sant

Mr. Cooper said that as each week goes by, the market is growing "stronger and healthier" and he anticipates the last half of the year will bring buyers and sellers together in a "uniquely" balanced market which hisn't been enjoyed for a few years.

But Cooper said real estate brokers in the area need more listings and encouraged people who have been considering selling to list "because the market is improving".

The Conservative election promise to introduce mortgage interest deductability is a factor, Mr. Cooper said and the market will be further stimulated if the promise is fulfilled. While the 12 per cent and

12) per cent mortgage rates quoted by financial institutions appear high, Mr. Cooper said the rates are not high if Canadians can deduct interest from their income taxes.

SALES VOLUME The board also reports sales volume up 18 per cent in the hist six months, compared to a national figure of 25 per cent.

The average price of a detached home in the Brampton area has climbed from \$64.430 in July, 1978 to \$67,792 this July a five per cent increase

Broken down, Georgetown is quoted with the top price at \$68,238 with a \$66,901 average in Bramtpon and a \$61,994 figure in Bramalea

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School probably has the biggest program, with about 65 students taking part last year, and manning six different locations. In addition to the training, Constable Swaminathin said,

there were many recreational activities provided for the students during their stay in St. Catharines, They attended three dances, and they had the opportunity to go swimming and to take part in other recreational activities. The week's activities concluded with a mini-Olympies. The students received ser-

ious training as well, however, Constable Swaminathin said one demonstration of the proper procedure of evacuating a school bus was enhanced with the use of smoke to make the scene more realistic.

The children received a certificate at the end of their training period to show they have passed the program, Constable Swaminathin said.

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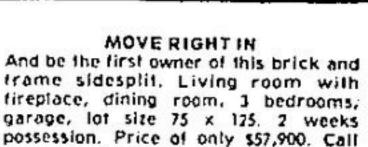


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