

The workshop addition for the Arc Industries Centre for mentally handicapped adults was officially opened Friday afternoon with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. The expanded working area will enable the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded (NHAMR) to bid on more contracts for the

Arc addition promises contracts for mentally handicapped adults

An expanded workshop officially opened last Friday at the Arc Industries Centre for the mentally handicapped in Hornby will enable Arc's 46 trainees to take on more business contracts, according to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded (NHAMR).

The \$245,000 addition to the old schoolhouse, which has functioned as a training centre for mentally handicapped adults since 1966, has increased floor space and storage for the centre, enabling trainees to take on bigger, light work contracts from various industries.

"The success of this project will not be measured in terms of bricks and mortar, but by the number of adults who graduate and find a place in local commerce and industry," NHAMR president Mike Evans told trainees, local politicians and members of the public who gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday.

Mr. Evans said that \$70,000 for the expansion had been raised locally, with the balance of the project costs made up from provincial cost grants.

Dave Williams, executive director of the NHAMR, said the expansion allows Arc to bid on other contracts. Arc trainees are already putting together lawn sprinklers, oil drum lids, and shower hoses and heads. A counting machine which bags small articles like screws and washers in fixed quantities is a new feature in the workshop and was purchased with the help of a donation from the Georgetown Legion (Branch 102).

North Halton's first Arc Industries workshop was opened for three adults in the Hornby home of Harry and Wyn Isham in 1964. Arc's first expansion since moving to the school took place in 1971, enlarging the workshop to accommodate 31 adults.

Ministry promises to close pits, no more permits will be issued

Sixth Line residents living near the Pilutti and Ordorico gravel pits southwest of Limehouse are apparently satisfied with a ministry of transportation and communications (MTC) promise to complete its contracts at the pit and pull out by November 7.

Angered at a long list of delays and broken promises, residents and the town's aggregate advisory committee met with representatives of the ministry of natural resources, the MTC and Bot Construction Ltd. of Oakville to negotiate a date for closing the pits and landscape the area.

Coun. Russ Miller, chairman of the aggregate committee, told council Monday night that the MTC had said no more permits would be issued to extract gravel from the Pilutti or Ordorico pits. Bot Construction says it plans to finish hauling gravel from the pits by November 7 and will "rehabilitate" the land by December 6.

However, town council approved a request from Bot to complete a contract calling for 5,000 tons of granular 'A' gravel for road construction on Winston Churchill Boulevard. Seven thousand tons of the material are stockpiled in the Ordorico pit.

Block Parent reminder

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Calls should be made along one side of the street and then along the other. No criss-crossing. Children should cross the street at intersections or crosswalks. Let them carry a flashlight to see better

and to be better seen. They should travel in groups of four

or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

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Before you start on any home repairs or renovations, you should do some careful thinking. Decide exactly what you want done. Draw up an overall plan. And do a little digging around to find out all you can about potential contractors for your job.

A few precautions will eliminate some common problems:

- ✓ Don't be talked into having work done just because the rest of the neighbourhood is doing it or because the price is presented as bargain basement.
- ✓ If the project is a major one, seek professional advice (i.e. architects or engineers) before the work is started.
- ✓ Ask for estimates from at least three reliable firms.
- ✓ When you decide to sign a contract, find out first who does the actual work.
- ✓ Insist that all details be written into the estimate - the type and amount of work to be done, total cost, date of completion and any extras.
- ✓ If a large amount of money is involved, have a lawyer go over the contract before you sign it. Don't give more than 10 percent as a down payment.
- ✓ Never sign a completion certificate until the work has been done to your satisfaction.
- ✓ Hold back 15 percent of the final payment for 37 days after the work is completed. That way, if the contractor or subcontractor does not pay for materials, you are protected from liability under The Mechanics Lien Act.

Unfortunately, despite the most carefully laid plans, you may find yourself the victim of unethical business practices.

Your Provincial Government wants you to know what your rights are under the Consumer Protection and Business Practices Acts.

- ✓ The Consumer Protection Act allows you to cancel any contract signed in your home (where delivery, payment and performance of work remain to be completed) by sending a registered letter to the company within 48 hours - or two full working days - of signing.
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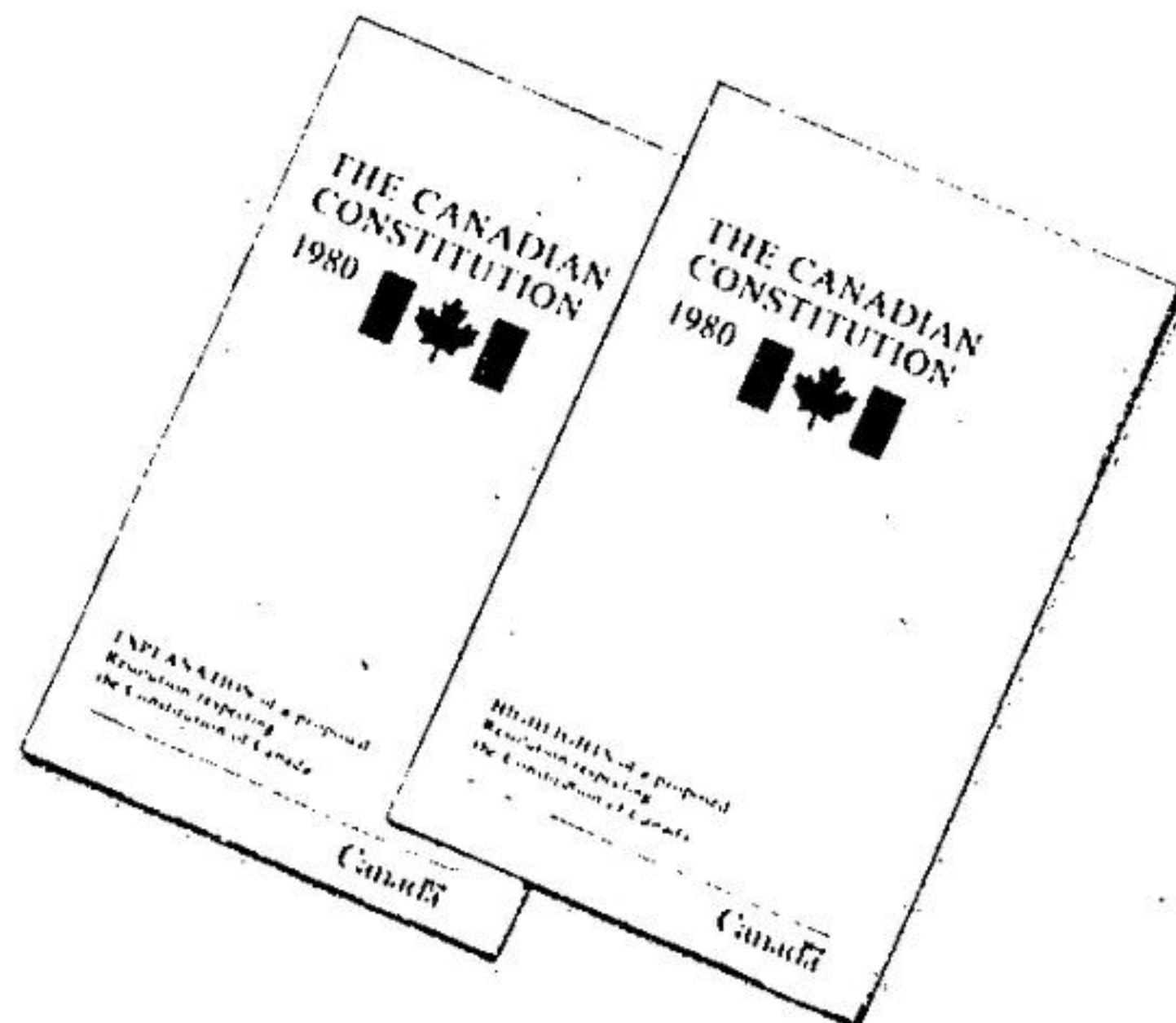
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