



SPENDING the summer buried in the past are Gwen Kirkwood and Susan Edwards. The two students, hired through an Experience '78 grant, are indexing stories in old copies of The Champion stored on microfilm in Milton Library.

Library index will locate Milton people and events

By Olga Darcovich
Two students hired for the summer on an Experience '78 grant are helping to put together a history file for Milton Public Library.

Susan Edwards and Gwen Kirkwood are working on a project which, when completed, will provide a reference index to articles in old copies of The Champion.

More and more people researching their family trees are asking the library for information that would help them to trace family members, says Chief Librarian Shelagh Conway.

The index, which will point them to the right article, is one way in which the library can help, she adds.

Reading through micro-filmed copies of The Champion dating to 1920, the students are recording and categorizing births, deaths, marriages, names of lawyers, doctors and prominent people, and events such as elections. They're getting a kick out of the old papers — as well as reporting events in the community, the early papers carried fiction.

No stranger to Milton Library, Ms. Edwards, 18, has previously been employed as a page in the children's section. A graduate of Milton District High School, she enters University of Toronto this fall for studies leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

A resident of Limehouse, Ms. Kirkwood, 19, is a student in the Library Techniques program at Sheridan College. She enters the second and final year of the course this fall.

The reference index is a long-term project. Mrs. Conway says. It's a slow job and completion date will depend on the availability of staff to work on it. Fortunately, it's a task that can be picked up and worked on for short periods when spare time is available.

The project was started by Mrs. McGuire, a member of the library board. Mrs. McGuire is indexing the earlier copies of The Champion, starting from the issues of 1885.

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Halton polio checks negative

A number of Halton residents have been checked for polio in the past week but there is no sign of the disease in the region, Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Joseph Chamberlain said this week.

He would not specify how many Halton residents have been checked or say what part of the region they come from.

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of 1978. According to the Ministry, this order was based "on a need to restrict tonnage emissions due to the unpredictability of dispersion under all weather conditions" and "on potential adverse effects on vegetation, soil and water in a large area surrounding Sudbury."

Today INCO continues to emit 3,600 tons a day. Yet the Ministry has issued a new order permitting INCO to maintain the level until June 30, 1982, simply requesting a report by December 1979 "evaluating the feasibility of controlling" the smelter's pollution. Instead of penalizing the offender, the Government has bent over backwards to rationalize and excuse failure to comply with the 1970 pollution control order.

Apparently, 1976 statistics indicate that Sudbury sulphur emissions accounted for only 4 per cent of North American man-made emissions, and only 1.3 per cent of global emissions. Also, "the problems of high ground level concentrations of sulphur dioxide and widespread acute vegetation damage in the Sudbury area have essentially been resolved even at current emission rates."

As the Ontario Government sees it, the International

Nickel Company is merely doing the same as everyone else: moreover, the 1,250 foot smokestack has dispersed the emissions to some extent, which has minimized the concern which prompted the issuance of the 1970 order.

Murray Gaunt, Liberal Environment Critic, believes that if the Government is not prepared to agree to an emergency debate on the environmental control order, "the best thing would be for George McCague (Environment Minister) to resign. I think he's sold out to big business (in that he's) agreed to almost five times the previously set limit for the next four years." (Mr. McCague has since been replaced.)

The condition of the Great Lakes has received some publicity recently, following release of a report by the Pollution from Land Use Activities Group, which indicates that both the United States and Canada have adequate laws to prevent lake pollution, but the laws should be enforced more strictly. The group is urging broader and stronger control measures.

During the last Provincial Election, Premier Davis, in a tough statement, called for

the revision of the Canadian-U.S. Great Lakes water quality agreement, to provide for massive (million dollar) fines to be paid into an environmental clean-up fund, administered by both countries to aid pollution research. An official of the Ministry of the Environment recently described this statement by the Premier as a bit of "dramatic wishful thinking."

As Dr. Smith has indicated, we believe that the recent INCO decision is the last straw in a series of inept Government decisions on environmental issues. "We are in a period of drift and inaction by the Government, the results of which could have far reaching and deleterious consequences for Ontario."

He has indicated that our Party would move that the Legislature empower the Standing Committee on Resource Development to meet without delay to review the INCO decisions. As the Legislature is not currently sitting, a special session would be the only way that a legislative committee could be empowered to carry out such a review prior to October, when the Legislature is at present scheduled to reconvene.

Lorne Scots welcome Lt.-Col. Breckon as C.O.

The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Reg't) has a new commanding officer, Lt.-Col. L. C. Breckon. He assumed command from retiring CO Lt.-Col. F. E. Ching at a ceremony in Brampton on Sunday, June 25 to become the 16th commander since the Halton Rifles and the 36th Peel Battalion amalgamated in 1936.

The pipe band and brass band played for the inspection and change of command ceremony, and the bands include several men from the Milton area.

Inspecting officer was Major General (Ret.) B. J.

Legge, CMM, CSJ, ED, CD, QC, Secretary General of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers. Also on the reviewing stand with him was Col. J. R. Barber, ED, CB, honorary colonel of the Regiment and a former CO of the Scots.

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