By ROB KELLY

The Champion

The proposed new regional museum in rural Milton certainly won't be the largest in the land, but it will have one thing that is the biggest of its kind on the continent.

It will be a camera obscura.

Wednesday at Halton Region's administration and finance committee meeting, architect Nelson Wong and exhibits coordinator Scott Thornley described how the device, a kind of periscope-type projection unit, would operate.

At the top of a 60-foot tower would be a rotating mirror assembly reflecting the images of the surrounding landscape down onto a 10foot lens. Visitors to the proposed Halton Heritage Centre would enter a darkened room and see the outside images, slowly changing as the mirror rotates, in the lens.

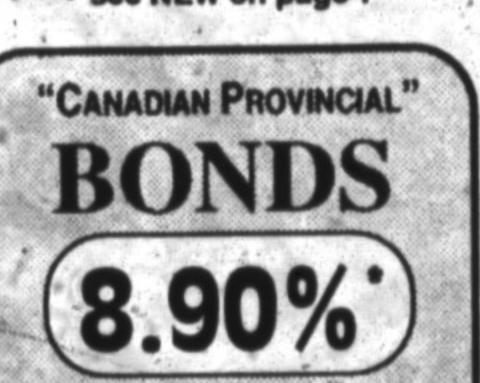
The 10-foot lens would make Halton's the largest camera obscura in North America. There is a similar device in San Francisco, Mr. Thornley said, but its lens is only four feet wide.

Mr. Thornley was certain of the exhibit's drawing power. "People will travel from everywhere to see a camera obscura," he told the committee. "There are none around."

While money is in short supply, enthusiasm for the museum is not, at least among its designers and curators. Wednesday, Halton's heritage director, Paul Attack, led the three-man contingent offering an update on plans for the \$6,675,000 facility. The proposed museum is be located next door to the new regional landfill on Highway 25 south of urban Milton.

The museum is currently planned as a 24,500 square foot structure that

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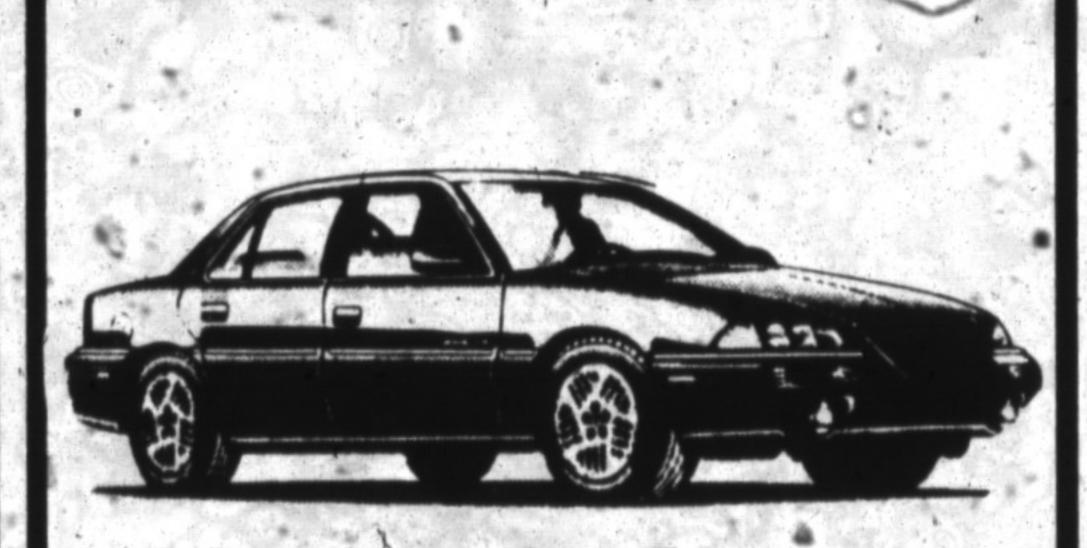
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