

Mink rancher cites losses May take action

Medonte Township mink rancher Todd Grignon says he will "push things to the court limit" if a settlement cannot be reached with CP Rail over what Grignon believes to be heavy losses to his business as a result of the train derailment which occurred close to his ranch in early March.

Grignon says his losses total \$36,000 so far, including the value of 1,500 aborted and stillborn mink kits, the payment of extra wages to hired help which was called into the evacuated area during the immediate aftermath of the derailment, and interest on a \$30,000 deal (the sale of 200 pregnant mink) which fell through as a result of questions concerning the animals' health.

Grignon also breeds foxes, and says he's 12 pups short - at a value of \$700 each - this season. The foxes' breeding period was also occurring during the time of the

derailment.

The 22-year-old rancher called in veterinarians from the University of Guelph to investigate his operation and try to determine exactly what the trouble is.

"They've gone through the place with a fine-tooth comb," he said yesterday.

"They've taken samples throughout the farm and autopsied the kits to see if anything might have

happened through my negligence. They've found nothing."

Grignon says he is a supplier to three other mink ranchers and despite the similarity of their operations

"they've had no problems at all."

He said it'll be another week before all of his losses can be totalled, and when he gets a final estimate he'll be filing a complete claim of losses with CP.

'We don't have any money'

Board's offer is final

by Murray Moore
"We don't have any more money to offer," Wendy MacKenzie, vice-chairman of the Simcoe County Board of Education's secondary school teacher negotiating committee, said yesterday.

Reacting to a statement by county secondary school teachers' president Bob Spurring that one reason that the teachers will not walk out before the end of the current school year is that now is "an important time of the year for students," MacKenzie said that striking now would not be advantageous to the

teachers. A strike would be more effective from the teachers' point of view at the start of the next school year, she said.

MacKenzie said that the board's final offer will make Simcoe's secondary school teachers the 13th best paid teachers out of 76 secondary school teacher groups in the province; that the board is offering tenure for the next three years; im-

provements to the teachers' benefits plan; improvements to the teachers' dental plan.

The board has reached the point where it has nothing left to add or negotiate, she said.

MacKenzie answered a charge by the teachers that the board last March on its own increased an agreed Pupil-Teacher Ratio, by saying that during its budget preparation the

board concluded it could not afford the lower ratios.

As well as extending the PTR from two to three years, the board offered a 50-50 dental plan, and no layoffs for the three years, MacKenzie said.

She echoed Spurring and the teachers' chief negotiator, Jim Forster, all of whom said Wednesday's meeting of the negotiating teams was fruitless.

Ministry wants to borrow teachers

Two half-time teachers, one of musique and one of science, at Ecole Secondaire Le Caron, are wanted by the Ministry of Education to teach primary classes at Base Borden and at both public schools and separate schools in the

county in the next school year.

The borrowing by the ministry of teachers is routine, Le Caron principal Adrien Lamoureux said yesterday.

Some confusion apparently resulted at the

Simcoe County Board of Education meeting this week because of a suggestion that the board use the money paid the two teachers for non-salary uses.

When a teacher is seconded another teacher is hired to fill the vacancy.

Tiny has yet to receive reply to anti-annexation

by Adrienne Graham Gardner
Tiny Township lawyers have requested a decision from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on a 1981 bylaw passed by Midland asking for an OMB hearing to annex 2,600 acres of Tiny land. In their letter to the Minister, Tiny's solicitors say "may we please have the

Ministry's advice as to the action intended or taken to permit the above-noted annexation application by Midland to proceed to a hearing."

As yet, Tiny has not received a reply to this April 21 request.

The original annexation bylaw passed by Midland on April 6, 1981 was received by the OMB and given a file

number. Since this bylaw was never repealed, Midland's later application for negotiated annexation on February 8, 1982 was challenged by Tiny through the courts.

Midland's second annexation bid was repealed before the court date of April 8, and Tiny was awarded costs in the case.



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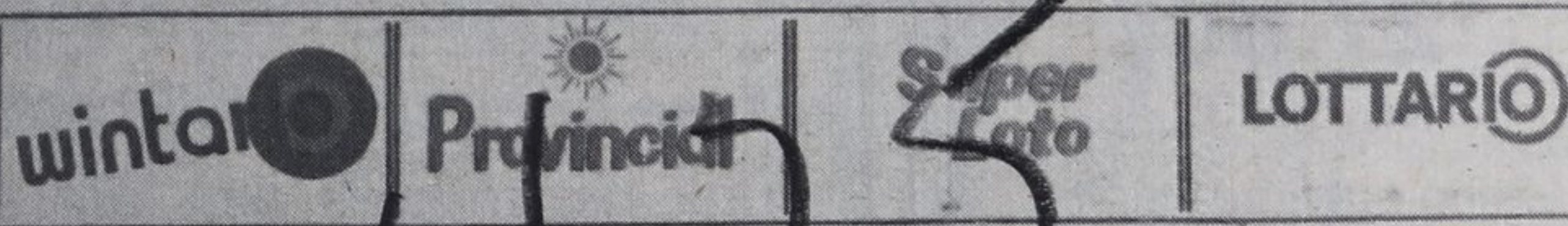
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