

LABOUR MINISTER'S APPEAL TO CITIZENS

Fellow Citizen:

More and more Canadians every year are finding that it is to their advantage to have work done in the winter-time when skilled men and materials are available.

This applies particularly to home improvements — renovation, redecoration, repairs and maintenance. Most of us know of jobs around our home which we'll have to have done sometime. It may be a recreation room to be built, a living room to be redecorated, a kitchen to be remodelled, an extra room in the attic, new electrical fixtures or wiring, or replacement of plumbing or heating equipment.

Whatever the need, it will pay you to "Do It Now", during the winter, because —

1. Skilled tradesmen, readily available in the winter, may be too busy in the spring or summer months to do smaller renovation jobs.

2. When tradesmen are not too rushed they can do better work which results in economy for you.

3. Deliveries and service on materials are better when supply houses are not so busy. Sometimes, also, firms offer special winter discounts.

4. By building a home or place of business during the winter, you will occupy it earlier than if you waited till spring to build. This means a saving in rent or earlier payments on the mortgage. In the case of a business establishment, it means an earlier return on your investment.

In addition to home improvements, there are many other things that can be done advantageously during the winter including maintenance and repair of lawn mowers, electrical appliances, outboard motors and automobiles, as well as dry cleaning of drapes and rugs, replacement of upholstery, etc. By taking a realistic approach to winter work you also will be helping your community for you'll be creating

employment for workers during the traditional winter lull thus effecting a saving in welfare and other costs. In the Do It Now campaign our own interests coincide with good citizenship, for when everybody works, everybody benefits.

For advice or assistance, please get in touch with your nearest National Employment Office.

Yours sincerely,

M. STARR,

(Hon. Michael Starr)

Minister of Labour, Canada

Will Check All Buildings

Following the collapse of a church roof, Reeve William Hodgson of King said Monday, all schools and public buildings in King Township will be inspected for structural weaknesses.

"I am satisfied that the township's schools and public buildings are in no danger, but a check will be made to make doubly sure," Reeve Hodgson said.

Winter Construction It Can Be Done

An enlightening survey of the difficulties and hazards of winter construction is now available in the form of a National Film Board release "Winter Construction - It Can Be Done."

The film shows work being carried on during the winter months on a number of large building projects in various parts of Canada. Successful methods of overcoming problems of snow and cold are clearly explained. But perhaps most significant are two statements which are included in the film.

Cannot Tolerate Delays
The first is that, more and more, large businesses, which want buildings constructed as quickly as possible, are specifying that the work is to go ahead as fast as possible, regardless of weather conditions. This specification means that the customer can no longer tolerate delays previously caused by winter conditions. That leaves it up to the contractors and architects to devise means of continuing construction without regard to the thermometer.

Foster School Construction
A most excellent case in point, which the film makes clear, is the matter of school construction. Today, with the growth of population in most centres one or two schools must be constructed each year. School boards cannot wait for this accommodation; they must have it as quickly as possible in order to meet the

steady demand for increasing pupil enrollment. Thus the idea of building schools only in good weather had to be rejected and construction methods devised to build throughout the entire year. The film also makes the point that winter work does not increase costs out of proportion.

The Canadian Construction Industry, and The National Research Council Division of Building Research collaborated with the National Film Board in the production of this film.

Reduces Overhead
Winter work has long been advocated as a means of combating unemployment and leveling out the employment cycle, and a twelve month period tends to reduce overhead and administrative costs in large building firms. **Film Available Locally**

This splendid film by arrangement with The National Film Board, can now be made available to interested parties in this area, through "The Liberal." Complete projection equipment, screen and the film can be supplied for worthwhile showing of the film. There is no charge. The Municipal Works Dept., Planning Departments, Council members who are chairman of works or planning committees as well as builders and contractors might like to get together to arrange a viewing of the film by arrangement with this newspaper. If interested please contact our Mr. Delmer at this office.

Let Contract For New High School At Richmond Hill

(by Jane Manning)

By September 1960 York Central District High School Board hopes to have its fourth high school in operation. This week Lavern Asmussen Construction Co. of Kitchener low bid of \$642,303.00 was accepted by the high school board after the bid had been scrutinized by the architects, Page and Steele.

Total cost of the school is estimated to be \$803,000.00. This is the amount the four municipalities of Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, Markham Township, and Vaughan Township will be asked to debenture. It is \$17,000.00 more than the \$786,000.00 originally asked for tentative approval by the board.

The extra amount is caused by a change in plans at the suggestion of the provincial Department of Education which calls for a double gymnasium instead of a single. The cost of the double gym is actually considered to be an added \$25,000.00 item under the original estimates. As the school is expected to have an addition in the not too distant future it was felt by the Department a double gym built at the outset would save money as it would probably cost more to add later.

Business Administrator Ashworth is informing the municipalities of the increased debenture and the board anticipates no difficulty in receiving approval of the final cost. After municipal approval Department of Education and Ontario Municipal Board final approval are necessary before the contract can be officially signed.

A breakdown of costs is: Site, \$49,000. (1,000 was paid last year); building, \$642,303.; architects fee, \$38,538.; furniture, \$55,000.; legal, survey, OMB expense, \$5,159.; sewers and water, \$13,000. Total, \$803,000.00. There were twelve tenders submitted. High bid on the building was \$869,000.00. **Eligible For Grant**

The seven classroom high school with two science rooms, shop, home economics, gym, plus necessary administrative area will be located on Bayview Ave. near Markham Road on a fifteen acre site. Costing \$50,000, the site expense will be eligible for provincial grant. This is the first

year the province has given grant on school property purchases. All other capital expense in the building of the new school will also receive grant but no portion of this grant will become payable until 1961.

Boundary Changes
All high school pupils in the Richmond Hill area east of the C. N. R. tracks will be transferred to the Bayview High School (except those completing Grade 13) who will remain in their old school Street boundaries to the south, however have not been settled. It is planned to have all the pupils live within a two mile radius in order that they can walk to school and thus not require transportation maintained by the high school board.

A principal for the new school will be sought shortly.



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Thornhill Businessmen Organize Association

At an enthusiastic meeting held on the premises of Coles Jewellers, Yonge Street, Thornhill, Monday evening at 8 p.m. fifteen local business and professional men attended and established a new association with the object of stimulating business, organising co-operative promotion of trade, social and other purposes including a study of joint problems and their remedy. **Executive Elected**

The Association will be known as the Thornhill Business and Professional Association and John Coles, Proprietor of Coles Jewellers was elected first President. Lex Jamieson of The Thornhill Hardware was elected Vice-President, Dick Miller a partner of Thornhill Paint Supplies was elected Secretary while John Adkins the other partner was appointed Treasurer. **Publicity And Membership**

Al Harley of Harley's Pharmacy and Ted Edwards of Thornhill I. G. A. store were elected as the Associations Publicity Committee. Nels Gage of Thornhill Market Butchery with Russ Elgie of Thornhill Village Hardware were appointed the Membership Committee. **Regular Meetings Monthly**

All these merchants will form the executive. An early meeting of the executive to plan a programme and agenda for the next full meeting to consider is to be held. The Association will meet every second Monday in each month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th. All members present subscribed a dollar apiece on the spot to provide a fund for stationery and other immediate requirements. **Former Association Has Funds**
The meeting was advised that

an earlier Association, now apparently defunct had once existed and that a small balance remained of its funds in the local bank. Steps will be taken to obtain a meeting of the former executive to authorise transfer of these funds to the new association, and the former members would be invited to join the new association. **Further Potential**

It was suggested that there were upwards of thirty other business and professional people in the area and names were distributed among those attending the meeting for each and everyone to be approached with the object of gaining their attendance at the next full association meeting. **Executive To Plan Programme**

This was a meeting for the purpose of establishing an association so that no other business was dealt with. It was left to the Executive to plan a programme and agenda which would be considered at the next full meeting March 14th. **A Major Problem**

There was some general discussion on the parking problem. Like Richmond Hill the Thornhill merchants have similar problems. They agreed that this was a matter of major importance and would have to be dealt with at an early date. A start would be made by asking the Thornhill Village Trustees to receive a delegation from the Association. **Valuable Asset**

Several members suggested that the Association would prove a valuable asset to the local community and that it could accomplish much in stimulating business in the area and by co-operation the various problems could be satisfactorily resolved.

Mrs. Ruth Houck Guest Speaker at United W.A. Luncheon

For a number of years a highlight of the late winter season has been the February luncheon of the Woman's Association of Richmond Hill United Church. Is there any woman who can resist the opportunity or the excuse to wear her new spring hat and who would miss the refreshing stimulus of listening to a good after-luncheon speaker in company with others one enjoys?

Once again the Woman's Association of Richmond Hill United Church is offering us this pleasant kind of break. On Wednesday, February 17th at 10 o'clock in the Christian Education Building, the annual February luncheon is being held. The guest speaker this year will be Mrs. Ruth Houck of Brampton. Mrs. Houck is well-known for her interest in many things. She is a mother and a grandmother; she has had wide experience in woman's Institute work, on the national Board of the Y. W. C. A., church and political affairs and has represented Canada at the United Nations. Mrs. Houck is well-fitted to speak on the topic she has chosen - "The Status of

Women in the Modern World." Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. M. Riach, TU. 4-3129.

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