

Loans Aid Speeded. . . .(cont'd)

The Region's Economic Development Division, headed by S. C. Knapp, reports a wide range of business projects in various stages of planning for 1970 by Indian individuals and groups, often using sophisticated consulting services to appraise potential markets and economic risks before going forward.

These embryo ventures range widely, from a plant selecting and sewing together mink pelts for Canadian furriers, to marinas, hunting and fishing camps, trailer parks and tourist outfitting establishments. Included is a major ski resort expansion in Northwestern Ontario. All of these on-reserve ventures will be of benefit to the incomes of reserve residents. The fur enterprise is one previously carried out overseas.

"The Department acts both as a catalyst and a source of capital in these projects, providing advice but neither supervising nor interfering once the economics of the proposals have brought approval of loans," said Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Knapp notes a particularly lively interest by the Indian people in tourist-related enterprises, in which native Indian forest and wildlife lore can be used, and Indian traditions and culture can be retained and made a source of extra appeal to tourist visitors to the projects. He sees a great growth potential for such enterprises in Ontario.

"The initiatives mostly come from the Indians themselves," he says. "We encourage them in testing their ideas, and when these are practical, as they often are, we try to help them in getting the best professional advice and in securing loan capital."

The tourist industry is expanding into remote areas where many Indians still rely extensively on wildlife and fishery resources, and it is expected that still more reserves will benefit from the development of sports hunting and fishing, with their people becoming entrepreneurs in ventures of their own.

Already in Canada the tourist outfitting industry provides employment for nearly 1,800 Indians as guides and about the same number in other employment. Canadian Indians now operate 114 tourist outfitting and guiding projects employing more than 500 persons, many of them in Ontario.

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BANQUET TIME For The
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN CLUB

Date: Saturday, June 13, 1970

Place: Studio 167, 167 Church St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Time: Reception 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Dance following dinner to the music of
Ron Bagnato and Orchestra.

Tickets Members \$7.00 each

Non-Members \$8.00 each

Dress will be Semi-Formal.

There are no tickets

sold for the dance only. - No Personal Cheques.

You must have a banquet
ticket.

We have 450 tickets, but remember this is only 225 couples, so place your orders before June 2, 1970. Order tickets from the following people:

1. Mrs. Theresa Genereau
421 Brock St.
Toronto 172
532-7408

2. Mr. Joe Hare
Canadian Indian Centre
210 Beverley St., Toronto
927-2001

3. Mrs. Bella Marshall
610 Logan Ave.
Toronto 279
461-3238

4. Mrs. Pat Turner
653-5614

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