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in Toronto on March 14th where they outlined a position paper dealing with the Ontario Assessment Act. The Position paper will be submitted to all reserves in Ontario to get their reaction and any suggested recommendations they might have; after which it will be taken to the province by the AIAI.

The AIAI also received letters pertaining to the taxation of tuition grants for Indian students. The Association will meet with representatives from the Department of National Revenue in order to gain more information.

Ross Powless of Six Nations Band Council requested that the Association sponsor an annual Indian Hockey tournament. He was assured that they would give their support and make every effort to see it through.

The Board of Directors also met with Frank Hayes, head of a task force set up to study accountable contributions to bands. The purpose of the task force is to get the Indian band views on changes and revisions in regards to Community Affairs Programs. The Department is suggesting that the bands set their own priorities and should not be restricted in their expenditures.

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BAD ROADS INTERRUPT SCHOOL BUS SERVICE ON THE RESERVE

Ohsweken: On March 14th, the school bus service was temporarily discontinued on certain roads termed impassable on the reserve.

Ron Thomas, Acting Education Supervisor for the Six Nations Schools, said Heaslip Motors, Ltd. of Hagersville, operator of seven busses on the reserve, had interrupted service on certain routes after consulting with the Ministry of Transportation and Communica-

tions and with Harvey Longboat, Education Supervisor.

The busses transporting the students to the 13 reserve schools and High Schools at Brantford, Hagersville, Caledonia, were keeping to paved and passable roads.

The route interruption forced pupils who live on back roads to walk to designated points on paved and passable roads in order to board the buses.

Mr. Clayton Heaslip of Heaslip Motors said, Thursday, March 22nd, "The co-operation has been fantastic. Some parents are driving their children to school and a large percentage of the students are managing to meet the busses." He said that service will be resumed to its fullest as each section of the reserve becomes passable.

Leonard Staats, Chairman of the Roads Committee said the committee had received a few complaints about the roads. "We started doing repairs and have extra trucks out", Mr. Staats said. "The roads are getting better, but we are like any other municipality - we have a budget."

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\*SCHOOLS WILL GET COURSE OUTLINE ON INDIAN HISTORY

Education Minister Thomas Wells said Tuesday a course outline on Indian history and culture will be sent to all elementary schools in the province.

Still in preparation, the outline will be adaptable to all areas, according to local interests.

Mr. Wells said a more advanced course later will be developed for secondary schools.

The province also hopes to provide more teachers fluent in Indian languages through specialized courses at Teachers' Colleges, he said.

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