

# TERRACE BAY NEWS

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN TERRACE BAY

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## HYDRO DAM GATES CLOSED TODAY

History was made this morning at Terrace Bay when two steel gates in the newly constructed Hydro Dam across the Aguasabon River were lowered into position. The flow of the Aguasabon into Lake Superior was thereby blocked and the waters of the river will now flood an area to the north and west of the dam, creating a water storage basin of approximately 4.1 square miles. The water from this "Blue Jay Basin" will ultimately drop vertically 270 feet through a concrete lined shaft and will then flow through a horizontal tunnel a distance of 3400 feet to a steel penstock 15 feet in diameter, through which it will travel another 100 feet to a "Y". From this point it will divide into two streams to feed two generating units which are now being installed in the powerhouse. The two generating units will have an output of 55,000 h.p.

Speaking at a brief ceremony which marked the closing of the gates in the dam, Robert H. Saunders, Chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario stated that the occasion was "one of the really important milestones in the history of Northern Ontario" and was "striking evidence of what can be done by cooperation between a private enterprise and a public utility". Mr. Saunders also noted that another important factor of the Aguasabon Power Project was the fact that some 38,000 h.p. will flow back into the Thunder Bay power system when the project is completed. In expressing his appreciation for the cooperation of the LongLac Pulp and Paper Company, Mr. Saunders quoted a remark made recently by the Hydro Superintendent of the Aguasabon project, Mr. Charles L. Hayes, to the effect that "never in my long experience have I enjoyed such cooperation as has been given by LongLac officials".

Speaking at the ceremony on behalf of the LongLac Pulp and Paper Company and Kimberly-Clark Corporation, of which he is Assistant Vice-President, Mr. C. W. Nelson stated that he was thrilled beyond words at the climax reached today and noted that with the closing of the gates in the dam a new era was beginning in this area where an entire new community was being built around a river. Mr. Nelson paid warm tribute to the "men of Hydro headed by Charles Hayes for their grand neighbourliness".

In addition to Mr. Saunders, other Hydro officials from Toronto who were present at the ceremony included: Dr. Otto Holden, Assistant General Manager of Engineering and David Forgan, Director of Construction.

Closing of the gates commenced at 9:15 a.m. and by 10:25 a.m. both gates were in place and the Aguasabon had ceased to flow beyond the dam.

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## DR. J. O. SHAUNESSY, DENTIST, TO OPEN OFFICE AT TERRACE BAY JULY 15TH

By July 15th, Dr. J. O. Shaunessy will open a dental practice at Terrace Bay in offices located at the shopping centre. Dr. and Mrs. Shaunessy have already arrived here and are residing at 196 Laurier Avenue. We take this opportunity of sincerely welcoming them to our community.

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## TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT PROHIBITED

In recent weeks at Terrace Bay, fire fighting equipment has been tampered with on a number of occasions by unauthorized persons. This applies particularly to fire hose. Persons who have been responsible should note that heavy penalties are provided under the Criminal Code for persons found guilty of tampering with fire equipment.

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