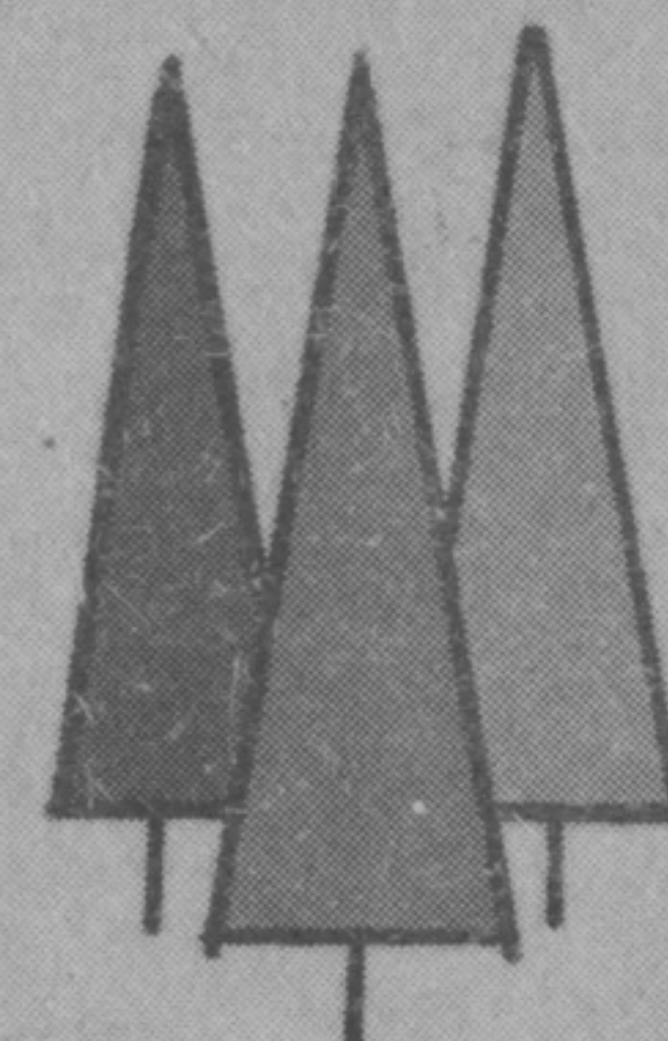


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## PROPERTY ASSESSMENT A PROVINCIAL FUNCTION

All property in Ontario will be assessed at market value by 1975 as the cornerstone of "a complete overhaul of the municipal system", Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough said recently.

Plans to change assessment from a municipal function to full Provincial control were announced on March 4 in the Budget White Paper of Provincial Treasurer Charles MacNaughton.

Mr. McKeough said the change in assessment was urgently needed to provide greater fairness to all taxpayers, and at the same time to establish a sound base for other reforms in the municipal system. He outlined the background and details in the course of an address to the Oakville Chamber of Commerce.

This will be the first basic reform of assessment in Ontario in 120 years, he pointed out. The drawbacks of the old system included "startling inequalities" that resulted in some taxpayers carrying more than their share of the local tax load.

Under the new system, "we will establish uniform standards to replace the present patch-work of differences and inconsistencies," Mr. McKeough said. The Municipal Affairs Department has been involved in assessment since 1947, but its role until now has been largely advisory.

The aims of the assessment reform include equity among taxpayers and among municipalities, and improved basis for Provincial grants, and greater efficiency in staff training and staff utilization.

A further aim is to assess all properties at market value. This is in sharp contrast to the existing practice. Last year, Mr. McKeough said . . . .

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The private roads, built and maintained by Kimberly-Clark Pulp and Paper Company Limited on its Longlac pulpwood concession will be closed to all traffic by the public for a period of twenty-four (24) hours commencing at 7.00 a.m., Monday, March 31, 1969 and will remain closed until 7.00 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 1969.

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## COULD BE STRAW THAT BREAKS BACK

Persons who were born and raised in Northwestern Ontario, and indeed many who have moved into the area and lived here for 20 years or so, harbor a feeling that "this land is ours". That feeling engenders the conviction that one recompense for the long winter and spring which we survive, and the isolation from many of the amenities which the effete and populous folk in southern Ontario have, is the enjoyment of the great outdoors, our heritage.

That explains the anger in the breasts of people hereabouts when the bureaucrats of the provincial government, stationed in Toronto, issue edicts which deprive us of pleasures which we have come to believe are our inalienable right.

For decades citizens of Northwestern Ontario have "celebrated" the coming of spring by going to the mouths of streams to net smelts. Groups of friends, families, have taken a keen delight in a pastime that is available briefly once a year.

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