KEITH PENNER PRESS REALEASE

At a recent meeting of the Commons Committe on National Defence and External Affairs, it was revealed that Canada has 1000 doctors and dentists serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, out of a total of approximately 98,000 personnel. The Department of National Defence is planning a reduction of the Officer Corp over the next several years.

Keith Penner, the Member of Parliament for
Thunder Bay, made a strong plea in committee that
some of the military doctors and dentists be retired, so
that they could be available for civilian practice,
particularly in Northwestern Ontario where a serious
shortage exists. The Community of Schreiber,
Ontario has experienced great difficulty in acquiring
the services of a physician.

JACK STOKES WRITES THE HON. RAY CONNELL

Dear Mr. Minister,

I have asked the Hon. Rene Brunelle, Minister of Lands and Forests, for information regarding the date for the turnover of the Lands and Forests headquarters building recently constructed at Terrace Bay.

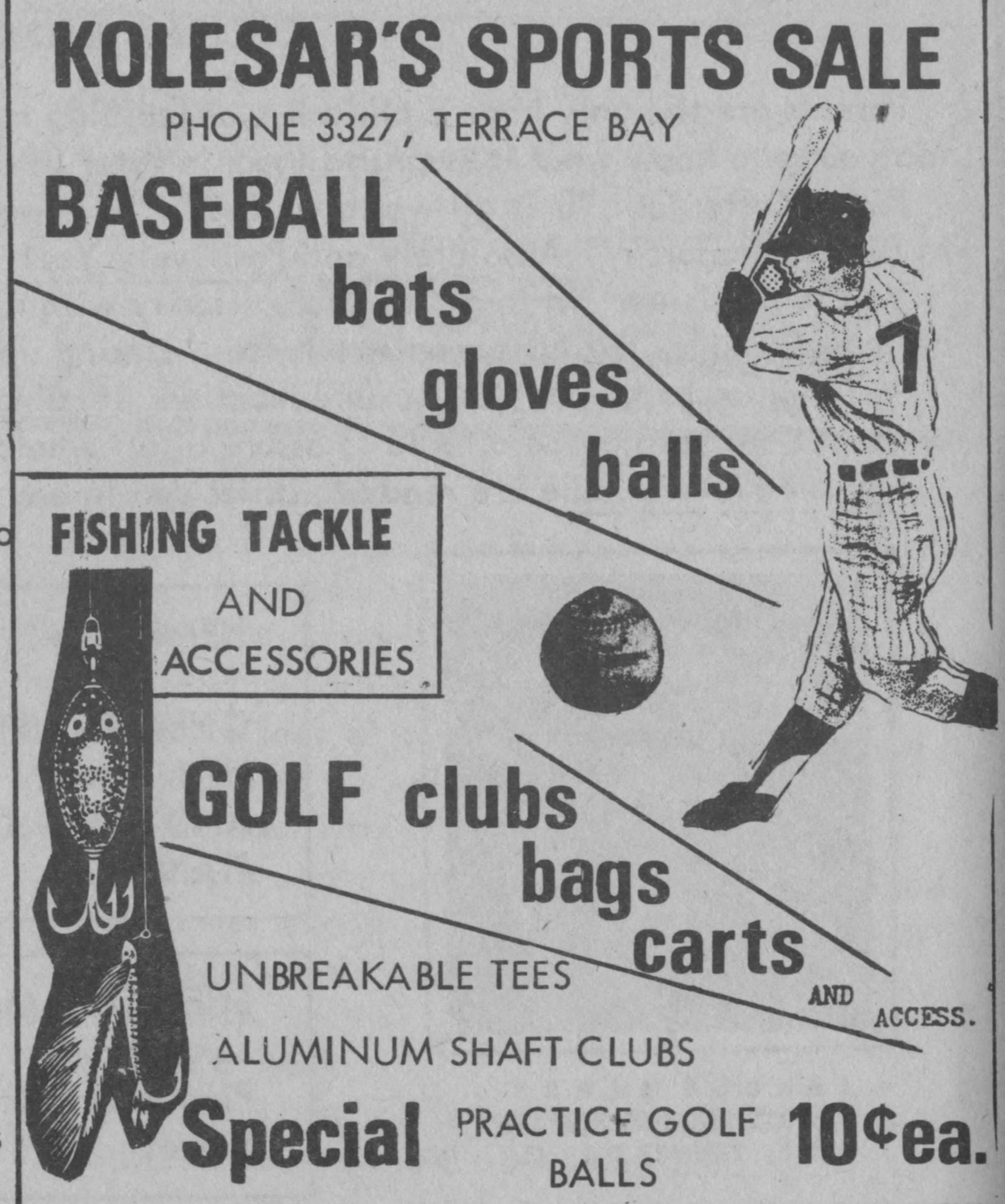
There has been some indication that these premises will not be occupied until late this Fall, when in fact the building is now completed, with the possible exception of a little sheet metal work.

Surely it is in the best interests of all concerned, particularly the taxpayer, that such expenditures be justified by its usage at the earliest possible moment if we are to demonstrate that in fact their money is well spent.

An assurance that these elaborate facilities will be put to good use without delay will be greatly appreciated.

Jack Stokes, MPP.







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