

ESPANOLA COUNCIL BACKS COMPANY ON OWRC WATER POLLUTION COMPLAINT - continued from page 1

ESPANOLA — The Ontario Water Resources had better take care of problems closer to home before picking on Northern Ontario on matters of pollution.

This was the contention of some members of Espanola Town Council in reaction to a recent statement by Donald J. Collins, chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission recently. In his statement, Collins referred to Espanola's Eddy Forest Products mill as one of the worst offenders in pollution of Ontario waterways.

"I think this was a bit of ill-advised publicity. The gentleman referred to Espanola before the second world war as being an area which had good fishing and in which the tourist industry was flourishing. I would imagine today the tourist industry in our area is 10 times what it was in that period. The story made it sound as if Espanola was now being avoided by tourists like the Devil avoids holy water," said councillor Les McCarthy.

Mayor Leo Foucault also added. "You can bet your sweet life the tourist dollar at that time was damned skinny."

The mayor went on to add in rather harsh voice. "If the OWRC was so smart with all its wisdom and engineers then why in hell didn't they start a five - year program. Before they start into the North country they had better take a look around Southern Ontario. I have been there and the Lake Erie area is far far worse than anything to be found here. It's like kicking a man when he's down. This company is fairly new here and I know personally that \$80,000

has been spent on equipment to combat pollution here by this company. I agree. Something had to be done about pollution but we must also be realistic and reasonable about this and not go around suggesting the

closing down of mills which employ thousands of people.

The mayor said a letter had been written by himself to the Eddy Forest Products offering council's help in any way possible.



LEGION AUXILIARY TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE DRAW

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 223, Terrace Bay held their regular meeting at the Legion Hall on Sunday evening.

President Mrs. S. Ballentine chaired the meeting. Minutes were read - cont'd page 10

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