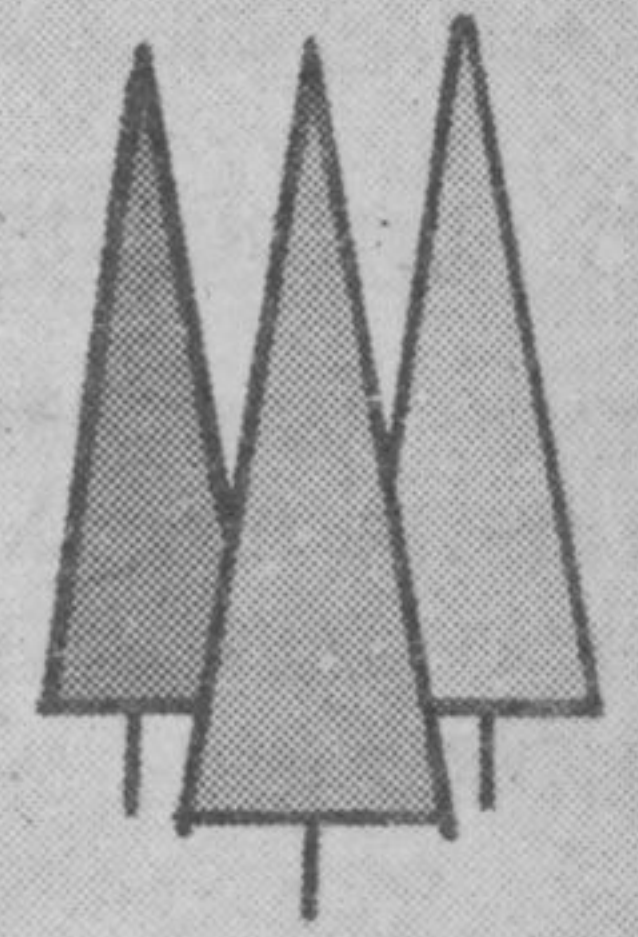


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NODC LOANS FOR NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Two northwestern Ontario firms will receive Northern Ontario Development Corporation tourist industry loans totalling \$460,000 to build motels near Terrace Bay and Sioux Lookout according to an announcement by Industry and Tourism Minister Claude F. Bennett.

The Red Dog Inn of Terrace Bay Limited, will receive \$300,000 repayable with 6 per cent interest toward the cost of a 20 unit motel on the Trans Canada Highway in Terrace Bay Township. The premises will have dining and meeting room facilities and a staff of about 25 people.

A \$160,000 NODC loan will help provide funds to build The Lamplighter Motel on Highway 72 about two miles south of Sioux Lookout. The new premises will have 14 motel units and a coffee shop.

It is expected that both operations will be open to the public by the end of this year.

Claude F. Bennett has also announced that Unitized Manufacturing Limited of Thunder Bay will receive a \$20,000 Northern Ontario Development Corporation performance loan to expand its operations.

The company manufactures factory pre-built sectional buildings and pre-fabricated buildings and will construct an addition to its present plant to accommodate volume production of pre-fabricated roof trusses. It is anticipated that about 6 new employees will be required following expansion.

Great Expanse

The Great Lakes cover nearly 95,000 square miles of North America, making them the greatest expanse of freshwater on this planet.

OMEA MAY INTERVENE IN RATE REVIEW HEARINGS

The standard of service to Ontario Electricity consumers will hinge on "crucial" decisions to be made by a new provincial committee, Ernest Alexander, president of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association, said in Fort Frances recently.

The association represents 350 municipal electric commissions who distribute electrical power to more than two million consumers.

Mr. Alexander, who is a public utilities commissioner and businessman in Barrie, was speaking to members of OMEA District 3 which covers the Districts of Thunder Bay and Kenora.

He appealed to commissioners to scrutinize all statements by the Committee on Restructuring of Public Utilities, formed by the Ontario Government last month.

"The committee has a crucial task," he said. "Its recommendations will determine for several years how -- and how well -- the electricity consumers will be served."

Mr. Alexander asked commissioners to bear in mind that "the influence of civil servants at all levels has been enhanced, while control by the titular political chiefs has been weakened."

"Because of this, we must be concerned about the continued effectiveness of the elected politician in any proposals for restructuring public utilities."

Mr. Alexander questions whether the public was best served by tipping the scales in favour of the employed professional, rather than the elected representative.

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