## \$1,000 AWARD FOR STUDENT WRITER

English teachers at the high school level across Canada don't anticipate much trouble getting students to submit compositions on time this year. The Canada Permanent \$1,000 Award for creative writing is being offered again, for the 7th consecutive year, for the best I,200-word short story in English or French. The Canada Permanent Award is believed to be the highest cash award available to students for creative writing and is on a par with amounts earned by many professional writers. The company gives a total of over \$6,000 in prize monies to the top three submissions in each province. Special certificate awards are also made to other outstanding entries. "The contest, which is now part of the English curriculum in many schools, began as a centennial project," said M.D. Sinclair, Manager, Public Relations.

'but when it was over we received letters from dozens of students and teachers asking us if we would consider making it a permanent project. Nothing like it had been done before and we understand that students and teachers both appear to prefer the open subject idea of our contest rather than the set essay-type theme that other companies have sponsored from time to time."

Rules and regulations have been sent to the Heads of English Departments of all English speaking high schools (and to the quivalent department heads of French Schools). Copies are also available from Canada Permanent branch offices across the country.

Final date for submission of entires is December 3I, 1973. Winners are advised by letter two months later. Canada Permanent publishes provincial first prize winners in book form, which is made available to high school libraries and is also used by teachers in classroom instruction on creative writing.

## TERRACE BAY TO GAIN FROM BELL CANADA TAXES

Terrace Bay this year will receive a boost in the amount of gross receipts taxes paid by Bell Canada.

The change, legislated by the Ontario Government, means Bell will pay \$7,423. this year compared to \$3,454. in 1972, an increase of \$3,970.

Gross receipts taxes are a unique form of municipal tax levied against telephone and tel -egraph companies in Ontario communities. These utilities pay the tax in addition to

real estate and business taxes paid by all businesses.

Under the former system, Bell paid to each community in which it operated a tax calculated by applying the local mill rate to the gross receipts taken in by the company.

The new legislation calls for the tax to be computed by calculating the number of phones Bell has in service in a community at each year's end, multiplying the total by five percent of the company's gross receipts in Ontario, and then dividing this by the total number of phones Bell has in Ontario.

The new formula will result in a 52 percent increase to 3I.6 million in Bell's gross receipts tax bill in Ontario this year.

In a preliminary assessment, some 825 communities will receive increases in 1973 as a result of the new formula and about 22 communities will be adversely affected.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Beaulieu and David have returned from Kapaskasing where they visited Roger's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Beaulieu.

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