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The facility will enable boaters to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Pic Island, McKellar Harbour and Peninsula Bay. The price of the Day Use Permit is equivalent to about one third of a tank of mixed gasoline for an out-board motor. As such, we do not feel it should act as a deterrent for anyone wishing to make use of this new recreational opportunity.

L.J. Haas,
District Manager.

A CLOSE LOOK AT CROWN LAND CAMPING

A great deal of publicity has been given lately to natural resources minister Leo Bernier's announcement of a trial program designed to control overnight camping on Crown Lands in Northwestern Ontario.

Over the past three years the ministry has carried out several studies to determine the extent and effects of indiscriminate overnight camping on Crown lands. These studies indicate that to a high degree, highway rights-of-ways, abandoned gravel pits, public boat launching sites and back roads are being used for camping, largely by self-contained recreational vehicles and tent trailers. The undesirable effects of such use include garbage and litter accumulation, congestion at public access points, safety hazards on logging roads and deterioration of fragile sites that are not capable of withstanding such use.

At the meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce in Fort Frances in September, 1972, the minister proposed controls as a possible solution to the Crown land camping problem. These controls provided for the establishment of open, closed and regulated zones for camping on all Crown lands and an annual fee of \$5.00 per camping unit for residents and \$25.00 per camping unit for non-residents.

Public comment on this proposal was requested and approximately 6,300 persons responded, mostly in the form of petitions. The majority were from Ontario residents who thought they should not be charged a fee to camp on Crown land.

The minister then directed his Advisory Committee to study the issue and provide some guidance to him on how the Crown land camping situation should be approached. This committee responded with several recommendations, the essence of which was that: No camping should be allowed within one half mile of travelled roads, designated camping areas with minimal

facilities should be provided, and a fee should be charged.

After receiving these recommendations, the minister indicated that prior to implementing such a program on a province-wide basis a portion of Northern Ontario should be designated for a pilot program and the results assessed before proceeding any further. The Northwestern Region of the ministry cont'd page 8

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