

N.D.P. ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The Lake Nipigon Riding Association of the N.D.P. held its annual meeting in the Schreiber Town Hall on March 27th with Gilles Pouliot, retiring president, in the chair.

Jack Stokes, MPP and the guest speaker, Jim Renwick, MPP for Riverdale were given a special welcome, along with the representatives from Manitouwadge, Marathon, Terrace Bay, Nipigon, Red Rock, Hurkett, Beardmore and Geraldton.

The new officers elected were: Clint Pond - President; Ted Nyman - first vice president; Gilles Pouliot - second vice president; George Gordon - treasurer; Harry Huskins - secretary; Bill Mullins - Union representative Tom Quinton - membership chairman; Gwen Nyman - Publicity Chairman; Trustees - Peter Lapenskie, Alex Krystia, Bill Gerow, Gunter Wirtz, Leonard King and Cathy Davis. Mrs. Davis is also Director of Services to Unorganized territories.

Mr. Stokes, commended those who, (typical of his Riding) had attended the meeting despite weather and driving conditions, said before his introduction of Mr. Renwick, would like to pay a special tribute to Bill Gerow for his personal campaign for renewing present memberships and, attracting new ones. He also paid tribute to the women members, who were, as always, arranging the social dinner and visiting which are such an important part of such occasions.

Introducing Mr. Renwick, Mr. Stokes said he had known him for nine years, first as law partner of former Governor-General Roland Michener and now as chairman of the Select Committee on the Ombudsman. His legal experience is invaluable to this party and his appointment as chairman of the Select Committee studying the role of the Ombudsman, a great honour.

Mr. Renwick, in reply to Mr. Stokes, said their backgrounds were similar - both had railroad fathers, to whom, punctuality was a prime concern.

Mr. Renwick said he was concerned with steadily decreasing opportunities in Northern Ontario, for young people, while, their parents, patiently and knowingly continue to educate them - to leave this area.

In speaking of his position as chairman of the Ombudsman Select Committee, Mr. Renwick asked that patience be shown, in that, the Ombudsman was asked to establish such a position, choose workers and make decisions.

Mr. Renwick spoke at length on the two (in his opinion) issues which will affect the next election - unemployment and secession of Quebec. He emphasized that the Party Quebecois is NOT the equivalent of the N.F.P.

Paying tribute to Mr. Stokes' appointment as Deputy Speaker, Mr. Renwick not only said his duties were excellently carried out, but the choice in filling the position was unique in that it had the unanimous approval of all members.

After thanking Mr. Renwick, Mr. Stokes said he was happy to tell his constituents that a telephone answering service has been set up in his District by which any member can get in touch with him, other than at his home or office.



Silver medallions for all school children and grants of up to \$5,000 each to encourage municipalities to hold special events are among Ontario's plans for celebrating the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne.

Premier William Davis has announced that each student in Ontario will receive the special medallion which carries the official Silver Jubilee emblem on the obverse and the Province of Ontario Coat-of-Arms on the reverse.

Production of the medallions has already begun.

The Premier said he will write to all municipal officials advising them that "one of the ways the Government of Ontario wishes to recognize the historic importance of the Silver Jubilee is by en-

couraging municipalities and villages to formulate celebration plans for their communities."

Wintario grants will be available for these special local events with a significant arts or heritage component. The maximum per municipality is \$5,000, matching the money raised locally.

Premier Davis said he and his family hope to attend several of the many special events being planned in Ontario in celebration of the Silver Jubilee.

Among the many special Jubilee events already scheduled are a Silver Jubilee Day at Ontario Place on June 5, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral Church of St. James on June 12, a special Dominion Day Festival on July 1 and a Military Pageant at the Canadian National Exhibition on September 11.