

ANNUAL MEETING OF O.M.E.A.

E. Gino Caccamo, H. Spikula and H.J. McParland were among over 1,400 delegates representing electric utility commissions from across the province at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association (O.M.E.A.), February 27 & 28th.

The Association is the spokesman for more than 340 municipal utilities throughout Ontario, the commissioners and councillors of which were elected to operate a specialized municipal service and thus represent more than two million residential, commercial and industrial customers served by the municipal distribution systems, and who consume two-thirds of the electric power in Ontario.

Delegates to the two day Annual Meeting held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, were involved in discussions on a number of significant issues that have or will affect their consumers. The topics ranged from the cost of power and the establishment of rates to a public safety program regarding high voltage wires in residential neighbourhoods and planning for a new nuclear generation station.

Roman Catholic Separate School Board

The North of Superior District Roman Catholic Separate School Board held its regular meeting on Saturday, February 18, 1978, in Holy Angels School, Schreiber.

Additional information was made available to the Board regarding the Religious Studies program being offered in Thunder Bay this summer. Principals are contacting staff members to ascertain the total number who will attend from this system.

The Principals will assume half-time teaching assignments when school enrolment falls below 150 full-time pupils.

The Ministry has approved the Community School Development Application submitted by the Board. The \$9,500 grant is for the employment of a Community School Co-ordinator. Discussion was held and it was agreed that additional information on the role of a community school be available for the March meeting.

A motion was passed accepting the resignations of Mrs. L. Jamieson, half-time Oral French teacher and Mrs. A. Valiquette Junior teacher of Holy Angels School, effective 1978 08 31.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Saturday, March 18, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Edward School, Nipigon.

STATEMENT BY JACK STOKES, M.P.P. FOR LAKE NIPIGON RIDING & SPEAKER OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE:

I was indeed pleased to learn that the federal government has made a very important change in the Home Insulation Assistance Program.

The program that now applies to all housing built before 1946 in Ontario will be of great benefit to my constituents. The original cut-off date was 1921, a time when there were not as many homes built in Lake Nipigon Riding.

This news will indeed be welcomed warmly by my constituents.

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