

# Mugwumps do not a nation make

KINGSTON — A senior forest industry official has lashed out at what he terms "environmental extremists" whose lifestyle "permits the luxury of fantasizing about matters relating to the wise use of our forests".

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club here E.F. Boswell, senior vice president, E.B. Eddy Forest Products, said such people were creating "social disruptions and upheavals for the people of the North in ways that verge on the criminal."

Mr. Boswell was speaking today on behalf of the Ontario Forest Industries Association, of which he is a director.

The speaker drew a distinction between what he called "the true conservationist" and "that breed of North American that fails to balance the competing interests of resource development and environmental preservation, known as the environmental extremist".

He said it was this latter group that nega-

tively impacts the forest industry and forests of Ontario, and is creating a climate for further withdrawal of productive forest land.

He asked if it was fair to dismiss the desires and needs of the people of Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Haileybury or any other Northern Ontario town "to the skilled legal and bureaucratic performance of the privileged environmental minority".

Mr. Boswell told his audience that in Ontario "we have allowed 45 per cent of the productive forestland to be alienated for non-productive reasons... and the environmentalists are asking for hundreds of thousands of acres more".

He cited the case of the Quetico Park which, he said, the Ontario Government decided several years ago under extreme pressure from environmental groups, to take 1,750 square miles of forest land for a wilderness park.

This action, he noted, locked up forever merchantable wood representing 100,000 tons of annual newsprint prod-

uction — an annual loss to the provincial economy of \$55½-million.

"As residents of Ontario used Quetico Park for only 13,000 person days per year over the last three years, you can see that for every resident user day, the gross provincial product is reduced by \$4,000."

Mr. Boswell said the government action also wiped out 1200 jobs in the Quetico Park region.

In the main body of his speech to the Kingston audience Boswell said, "Tracing the movement to alienate resources from the production process is relatively simple — it goes back before Roman times. But effectively in North America, in the 19th century, the movement started with a group based in the aristocracy of New York and Boston who came to be known as the 'mugwumps.'" They were very critical of crassness and the business values of the plutocracy.

From the mugwumps came Henry Adams and Teddy Roosevelt, who was the driving force of the Conservative era. And later, in the 1930's a group of twelve authors in the south banded themselves together known as the Nashville Fugitives. They poured abuse on industry, praised the wilderness ethic and scorned science and technology. While not successful in getting the South to reject industry — they did gather a large following amongst the highly educated aristocracy of the day. More recently with every poll and survey taken (including the Sierra Club's polling of its own members), we clearly see that environ-

mentalism draws its support from the upper middle class. Academics, journalists and upper income suburbanites are the life and blood of the movement. Support comes when incomes reach \$40,000 and tails off again at \$80,000. Gentlemen — the comfort of life style allows these people the luxury of fantasizing about matters relating to the wise use of our forests, but, in that process, they create social disruptions and upheavals for the people of the North in ways that verge on the criminal.

Is it fair to dismiss the desires and needs of the people of Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Haileybury or any other town in Northern Ontario to the skilled legal and bureaucratic performance of the privileged environmental minority? A minority falsely transposing values and fantasies from the cities (which are so dependent on sound resource development) that are restricting the ability of "Northerners" and the resource industries to function properly.

Lest you think me to be to the right of Attila the Hun, let me set the record straight. Sound conservation based on multiple use of forests has long been adopted as a policy by the forests has long been adopted as a policy by the forest industry. We are ever mindful of the facts recently enunciated by Dr. Aurelio Peccei, the founder of the Club of Rome, that every day, a beautiful normal day like today, the population of the world will grow by two thousand people. Our ancestors appeared on plant earth ten thousand centuries ago and grew

progressively. At the beginning of this century we were one billion 600 million. Now, in a little over eighty years we are 4-1/2 billion. Between now and the end of this century a supplementary humankind will be added that is bigger than that which had accumulated during the previous ten thousand centuries.

Can any thinking person not be concerned about the conservation of our resources? But to take a well-founded conservation program and turn it into the environmentalists' "non-use of resources" equation makes no economic or social sense whatsoever. Just think — the present world population, the living generations of today, will consume during the length of their life more natural resources than all the preceding generations during the past ten thousand centuries have consumed so far.

In your province you have allowed 45 per cent of the productive forest land to be alienated for non-productive reasons — the environmentalists are asking for hundreds of thousands of acres more.

But let me give you a concrete example of what all this means. Several years ago the Ontario government decided, under extreme pressure from environmental groups, to take 1,750 square miles of forest land for a wilderness park — a park known to most of you as Quetico.

The merchantable wood thus locked up forever represents 100,000 tons of annual newsprint production. At a price of \$555.00/ton this represents an annual loss to

the provincial economy of \$55-1/2 million dollars per year for every year that resource is denied the multiple use approach — at the moment that is forever. As residents of Ontario used their park for only 13,000 person days per year over the last 3 years, you can see that for every resident user day the gross national product is reduced by \$4,000.

But — imagine if you will the morning after the night before scenario when the residents of Atikokan, Sapawé and other surrounding communities woke up to realize they had no future. That approximately 260,000 person days per year (1200 jobs) of regional employment had been wiped out by our land planners who were

coaxed into action by the erudite and articulate skills of the modern-day mugwumps.

Many of you are not directly dependent upon the forest for a livelihood; however, the size of the industry in the province would indicate that many of you are dependent upon its health and survival. Sing out, whenever you have the chance, to ensure that your resource is managed to provide the greatest future economic and social benefits to the largest number of Canadian residents. For without your support, your children and their children's children may face the austerity of other countries who have misused their basic resources. Remember — mugwumps do not a nation make."

## Dear Editor:

Oh, if only columnists were paid by the inch! However, this not being the case I was somewhat dismayed to find my story on the Schreiber Figure Skating Club lengthened remarkably with the addition of news about the Terrace Bay Figure Skating Club. Its not that I would mind taking credit for the well written report on the outstanding success of the Terrace Bay Skaters, but, it was in fact written by their club executive member, Lucille Kodila.

On speaking with the Editor I found that in the interests of having enough space to run both articles, he found it necessary to combine them, but omitted to credit Mrs. Kodila with her portion of the report.

I hope this clarifies things, and again, my congratulations to skaters from both communities.

Yours Sincerely,  
Margie Delaney.

(This is a paid advertisement, due to the fact the editor chose not to run this letter for me last week.)

## Church Directory

### TERRACE BAY

The Community Church  
Serving all Protestants  
Sunday Service - 11:15  
a.m. with Sunday School  
at the same time  
Rev. Brian Bigelow,  
Minister

Terrace Bay Gospel  
Assembly

Good Friday Service  
11:00 a.m.  
Easter Sunrise Service  
11:00 a.m. followed by  
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Service - 11:00  
Sunday Evening Ser-  
vice - 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Barry Fellinger

St. Martin's Roman  
Catholic Church  
Mass Saturday - 7:00  
p.m.  
Mass Sunday - 8:30 a.m.  
and 10:30 a.m.  
Confessions Saturday  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Father Kenneth Pottie

Holy Gospel  
Lutheran Mission  
Sunday Service 7:30  
p.m.  
Birchwood Terrace  
Chapel  
Richard Klein - Pastor

SCHREIBER  
Holy Angel's Roman  
Catholic Church  
Mass Saturday - 7:15  
p.m.  
Mass Sunday - 10:00  
Schreiber  
12:00 - Rossport  
12:00 Pays Plat, first  
Sunday of every month.

St. Andrew's United  
Church  
Sunday Service - 9:45  
a.m. with Sunday School  
at the same time  
Rev. Brian Bigelow,  
Minister

Grace Baptist Church  
Sunday School 10:00  
a.m.  
Sunday Service 11:00  
a.m.

Sunday Evening Ser-  
vice 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Jim Johnson,  
Pastor

St. John's Anglican  
Church

Sunday - 9:30 Holy Com-  
munion  
11:00 Parish Eucharist  
and Sunday School  
Monday - 2:00 p.m.  
Birchwood, Holy  
Eucharist  
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Eucharist  
Father Timothy  
Delaney, Rector

Easter Services  
Thurs. March 31  
6:00 p.m. - Seder  
Supper, Church Hall  
8:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist  
and Stripping of the  
Alter

April 1st  
10:00 a.m. - Morning  
Prayer  
11:00 a.m. - Litany  
12:00 noon - Ante-  
Communion  
1:00 p.m. - Evening  
Prayer

It is customary to have  
times of silent prayer  
and meditation upon  
God's Word between  
the services.  
Feel free to take part in  
any or all of these ser-  
vices.

April 2  
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil  
and first Eucharist of  
Easter.

April 3 Easter Day  
9:30 a.m. - Holy Com-  
munion  
11:00 a.m. - Holy  
Eucharist and Baptism  
7:00 p.m. - Evening  
prayer

The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints meets at 60 East  
Grove Crescent, Ter-  
race Bay 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday morning

## Activity Day



On Tuesday, March 22, students at the Terrace Bay Public School participated in a special "Activity Day." The Day provided an opportunity for parents and students to work together. Activities included chinese cooking, painting, games in the gym, skating, and plasticene sculptures at the primary level. Curling, macrame, skating, needlepoint, flower making, bowling, games in the gym, rug hooking, wood working, corrs country skiin, and ukulele for the Junior level, and an additional calligraphy group for the intermediate level.



## Royal Commission on the Northern Environment HEARINGS

The Commission will be holding further hearings at which parties will have the opportunity to give evidence and to cross-examine witnesses on relevant matters, as provided by the Public Inquiries Act.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Commission will resume hearings on

April 11, 1983, 10:00 A.M.,  
Viking Room, Valhalla Inn,  
THUNDER BAY

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