

New fencing for Aguasabon Generating Station

Anyone who has recently visited the Hydro Generating Station at Aguasabon has probably seen or else been made aware of the new fencing which was just erected by Ontario Hydro employees.

The reason behind the fencing may be questionable and Assistant Corporate Relations Officer for the Northwest-

ern Region, Linda Ashby, was in Terrace Bay this week, to explain why.

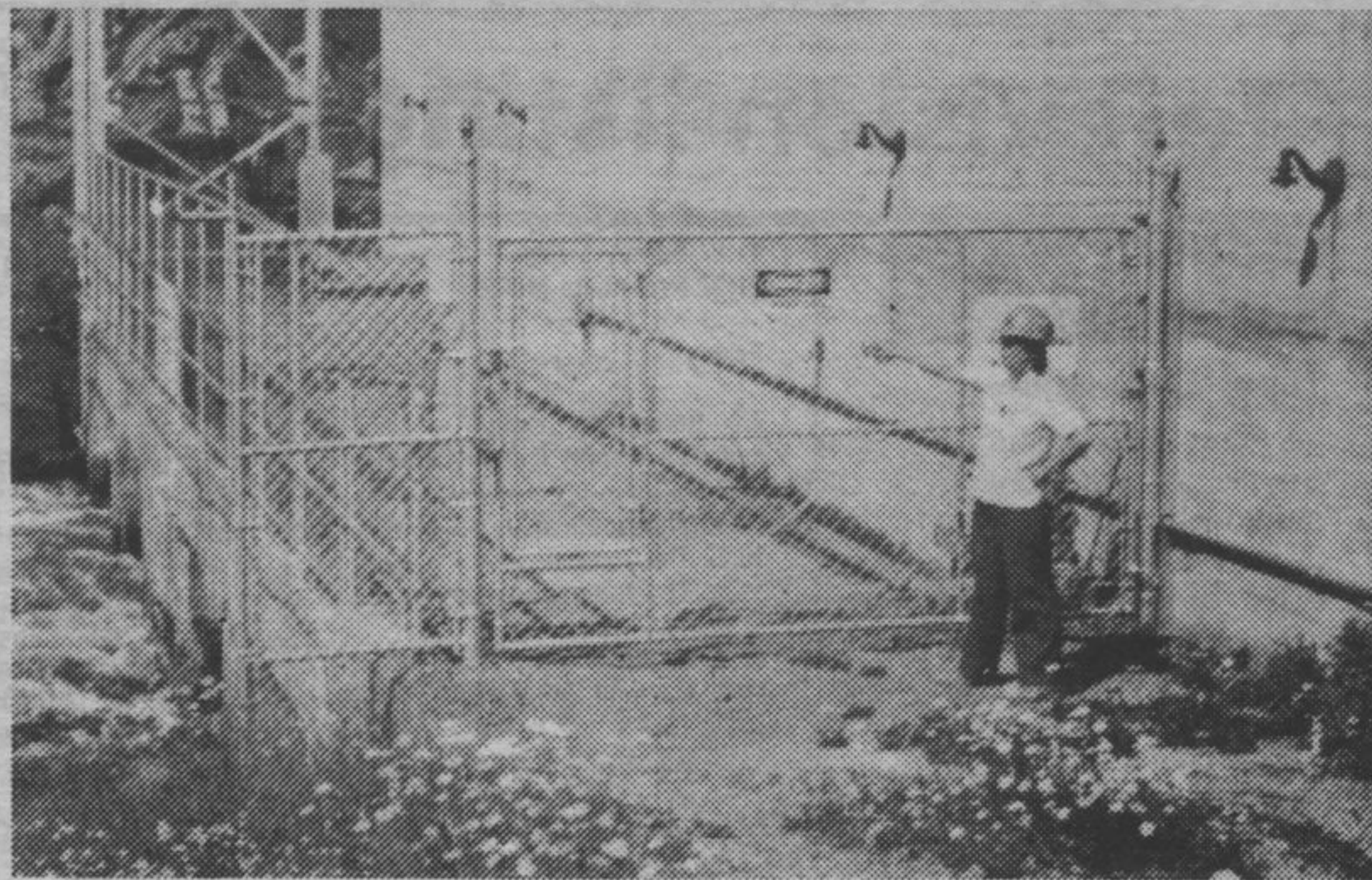
The property was fenced due to an influx of trespassers, fishermen and what-have-you. Signs have been posted around the 'tailrace' on several occasions, warning the people of the dangerous water condi-

tions, but to no avail. The water around the tailrace area is pushed through at such an extreme speed, that accidents could very easily occur.

The signs, as mentioned before have not intimidated the trespassers in the least. Therefore, Ontario Hydro had to use stricter methods to curtail this problem. With the new fencing in place, it's

unlikely that fishermen, in search of salmon during the season, will be fishing from the tailrace area as they have in the past.

So, for those of you who frequently used the area for such sport, please be aware that if you are caught trespassing, Ontario Hydro will prosecute. It's for your own safety, so don't abuse the warning.



Linda Ashby, Assistant Corporate Relations Officer with Ontario Hydro, points out the fenced-in area and the signs which are posted for your safety.

Mainstream Canada

For Canadians, it's not all bad news

by W. ROGER WORTH

With depressing news about everything from unemployment to bankruptcies cluttering our daily lives, it is perhaps time to reiterate just how fantastically lucky we Canadians really are.

First, let's consider the basics:

Food - Thanks to our hardworking farmers and fishermen, the country has no shortage of foodstuffs. What's more, the prices (compared to most other countries) are among the lowest in the world.

The Japanese, for example, spend about 40 per cent of take home pay on food products, and the West Germans about 30 per cent. Canadians lay out a lowly 22 per cent, which is not bad at all.

Energy - We may complain about the high price of oil, gas and electricity, but at least we have an adequate supply. In fact, Canada is now a net exporter of energy.

Shelter - Canadians are among the best housed people in the world and, compared to people in other nations, the cost is reasonable. One need only consider the tiny size of apartments in Japan or even Europe to understand how well off we are.

Wealth - On a per capita basis, Canadians are among the wealthiest people anywhere. We have such an abundance of land, water, minerals and other resources that people in other countries have dif-

ficulty understanding why we haven't developed them to a greater degree.

Support Systems - Through such programs as unemployment insurance and social assistance, Canadians are guaranteed that they won't starve and that they will have a roof over their heads. Medical care and education is available to all, and virtually anyone can receive a university or technical school education at bargain basement prices.

The support system may not be as elaborate as some would like, but it surely provides all needy Canadians with the basic necessities.

Lifestyle - With a relatively low crime rate and few racial problems, Canadians live in a peaceful environment that impresses most visitors to the country. In addition, we have a democratic system of government that provides the freedoms denied to a great proportion of the world's population.

Canadians, it seems, are introspective. We complain about our seemingly horrendous day-to-day problems, giving little thought to the hundreds of millions of people who go to bed hungry.

So perhaps it is again time to take stock. No matter what the news headlines may suggest, Canadians are very well off indeed.

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