

Letters to the editor

"The calm after the storm"

Dear Karen:

While reading the October 24th, 1983 minutes of the Lake Superior Board of Education, I was pleased to note, in particular, Resolution #300/83 moved and seconded by T. Delaney and J. Figliomeni, and carried by the Board, to wit: "The Board extends a vote of thanks and confidence to our Director, our Superintendent of Operations, and to our Principals and Vice-Principals in recognition of their commitment, their abilities, and their sensitivities to the Boards' priorities."

Many others must feel as I do, that the present atmosphere of serenity, as evidenced by the resolution, is a welcome development. Such an attitude is more conducive to the efficiency needed to make wise resolutions of problems than one of confrontation, though evidently not as worthy of more prominent publication.

Yours truly,

S.M.

"Book on Jackfish?"

Dear Ms. Park:

I am trying to track down a book on Jackfish written by Jane Pool in 1976.

Does your paper sell this book? Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Ken Fenwick

Editor's Reply:

Sorry Ken ... but I have no idea as to where you might locate this particular publication. If any of our readers happen to know of such a book and where it might be obtained, please forward your reply to:

K.G. Fenwick,
Regional Mineral Resources Co-ordinator,
Ontario Government Building,
Ministry of Natural Resources,
P.O. Box 5000,
Thunder Bay, Ontario.
P7C 5G6
or phone 1-475-1331.

Book on native population

A new and unique book detailing the settlement patterns of Ontario's Native community, has been published by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

"Distribution of Native Population in Ontario by Census Area, 1981, provides the most recent census information about the patterns of residential settlement of Ontario's Native population.

The figures have been broken down into four categories of Native peoples: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Metis and Inuit, by sex for the province and census divisions, and by age and sex for urban

areas.

The publication is the only one of its kind for the province of Ontario and will be an invaluable source to government organizations when planning Native programmes.

In the past years, the distribution of Native populations were estimated, but because of this new publication, they can now rely on exact figures. This should also prove to serve the Native communities of Ontario more efficiently.

The Native book is just one in a series of publications produced by the ministry as part of its ethnocultural data

base. Additional books of stats outlining the rich and complex ethnic makeup of Ontario are also available. "Distribution of Native Population in Ontario by Census Area, 1981", also should be of special interest to post-secondary institutions and other community organizations and agencies.

Copies are available for the cost of \$3.00 at the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto. Out-of-town customers can write to Publication Services Section, 5th Floor, 880 Bay Street, Ontario. M7A 1N8 or in North-western Ontario they may call Zenith 67200.

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The Ontario Farm Tax Reduction Program, designed to assist owners of farm properties by rebating a portion of their property taxes, has been greatly improved for 1984.

As in past years, residences, farmland and outbuildings will continue to be assessed together. But the farm tax rebate will increase from 50 to 60%.

And while the gross production value for eligibility will remain at \$8,000 for the majority of the province, it will be reduced to \$5,000 for northern and eastern Ontario (northern Ontario is defined as that area north of the southern boundaries of Haliburton and Muskoka. And eastern Ontario is the area east of the western boundary of Northumberland, Victoria and Peterborough counties).

To hear more about these and the many additional program improvements, contact your local Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Office.

Application forms for the 1984 Farm Tax Reduction Program will be mailed during the summer of 1984, and will be accompanied by a brochure outlining the new program in more detail.

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