Measures for Northern Ontario announced in Throne Speech

Special funds for remote secondary schools and more money for Northern Family Resource Centres were among initiatives of benefit to Northern Ontario announced at the opening of the new Session of the Legislature.

The Government of Premier William Davis said in the Speech from the Throne it will supply special funds this year to small high schools in the north, allowing them to expand programs and facilities.

And as part of a program to provide "significant further resources" to fight violence against women and children in the home, funding will be increased for Northern Family Resource Centres, which counsel and supply services to fami-

lies in crisis.

Also of considerable importance to Northern Ontario is the fact that the mining industry, especially gold, is extremely robust.

"Last year, for instance, exploration activity doubled and, with the completion of the new gold mining and milling facility at Hemlo, 800 full-time jobs will be secured and Ontario will again take the lead as Canada's largest gold producer," the Speech said.

Hemlo, where the main discovery was made in 1981, is the first major gold camp in Canada since the early 1970's. The three companies initially involved received assistance

to get started under the Ontario Mineral Exploration Program, set up by the Government in 1980 to give grants and tax credits for exploration expenses.

There will also be agricultural assistance to expand crop research and production in the North.

Northern Ontario will also benefit from the decision to provide funds for the design and manufacture of bi-level railway cars to strengthen employment and transportation in the North.

The Government is also committeed to taking "Further initiatives to sustain our natural resources and protect our environment."

This year, a Canada-Ontario five-year agreement is being developed to strengthen the management and renewal of forests, for example.

Also, the Govern-

ment intends to reintroduce legislative amendments to recognize the right of every French of Englishspeaking pupil to an education in his or her own language. As well, the Government will undertake programs to improve the supply of French-speaking health care workers and the distribution of health services in French-speaking areas.

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Who said our gas was expensive?

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The price of regular gas in the northwest region during the latter part of 1983 was, on the average, 48.6 cents per litre. Toronto for the same period paid 49.0 cents. On the average, Northern Ontario as a whole was paying an even lower price of 47.4 cents.

The price for premium unleaded gasoline in Northwestern Ontario

averaged 52.3 cents, while Toronto prices were 52.6 cents. The average cost in Northern Ontario was 51.1 cents per litres.

In a chart provided by the Kent Marketing Services (who did the study) the table shows that Toronto prices tend to be somewhat higher than in other Southern Ontario communities; although the average difference in price between Northern and Southern Ontario does not exceed 5.8 per cent for regular gasoline.

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