

Rosspport Notes

# Three hundred years of history

by ANNE TODESCO  
Rosspport has a history of over three hundred years, with fishing being the main industry here. Our picturesque community built on the shores of Lake Superior, has a well protected harbour, situated about 115 miles east of Thunder Bay.

French and Scot voyagers. Copper was found here in the 16th century. Tunnels and shafts give evidence of early prospecting. In the early 1800's, Rosspport was a busy port. The schooners and sidewheelers delivered food supplies and equipment such as rails, spikes, etc. to build the C.P. Railway. In the early days fishing was an important industry here. The ancient peo-

ples caught the fish in a sort of net made from vines and tender twigs, they speared them and caught fish on some kind of bright lure. Nowadays, nets are made of cotton, linen or nylon twine. Fishing has been a world industry since biblical times. Most of our old-time fishermen are now gone. They handed down their business from generation to generation and now we only have one tug engaged in this ancient work. It is sad to know that our many fishing boats are a thing of the past. They have been sold, left to decay in some lonely bay, or just seem to be lost from the scene. Fish have been caught

in gill nets, pond nets (none now), or even trolling commercially was done. The fish houses are demolished, the fish traps no more, ice houses are a thing of the past. How the world changes at our back door step. Besides the commercial fishing, many hundreds of pounds of fish are taken from the lakes by sportsmen. It is one of the most pleasurable and exciting sports known. The experience of boating along the north shore is a rich adventure as well as trolling for trout. The sheer beauty of the islands, cliffs and water is difficult to describe. But fishing continues to provide a livelihood as

well as out for a boat cruise or to catch a fish or two for a meal. It tastes heavenly when cooked outdoors at some favoured island shore or bay. All nationalities enjoy this treat. In the early settlements, immigrants continued to pour into the country and a good many settled along the north shore. Some came from families who were commercial fishermen. Our villages along Lake Superior have their share of settlers of European backgrounds and fishing experiences.

local housing authority, selecting tenants, collecting rents, and, generally, ensuring that OHC housing is administered fairly and responsibly in their community. Today, Ontario Housing Corporation is the second largest social housing agency in North America. Only New York City, which be-

gan its public housing program in the 1930's has a larger portfolio than Ontario Housing Corporation. In 1984, after 20 years of growth, OHC owns 84,000 social housing units -- with a replacement value of about \$3.3 billion -- and subsidizes another 31,000 units in buildings not owned by the corporation.

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who serve on 59 local housing authorities established in communities throughout the province. Local housing authorities are agents of OHC and are composed of private citizens who live and work in the local community and have an interest in housing the less fortunate. They serve without compensation on their



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