

# Study finds several bridges unsafe

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danger of the bridges.

Newspapers and local radio stations have been informed.

The forest companies that hold land use permits and the people who use these bridges were notified as well.

The MNR took a lead role in the communications aspect; a fact that Prince said he is very proud of.

Prince said he believes the problem will be resolved quickly. **219 bridges**

The MNR's study focussed on 219 bridges which come under its jurisdiction and found that 141 had structural deficiencies that make them unsafe for crossing by heavy trucks.

Regulation 692 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act states that these bridges must

be structurally adequate to support any load that is likely to be applied to it.

Most of the bridges were intended for short term wood harvesting operations, and some are used for on-going forest management activities and other uses.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said that the MNR will be looking at ways to improve future bridge construction.

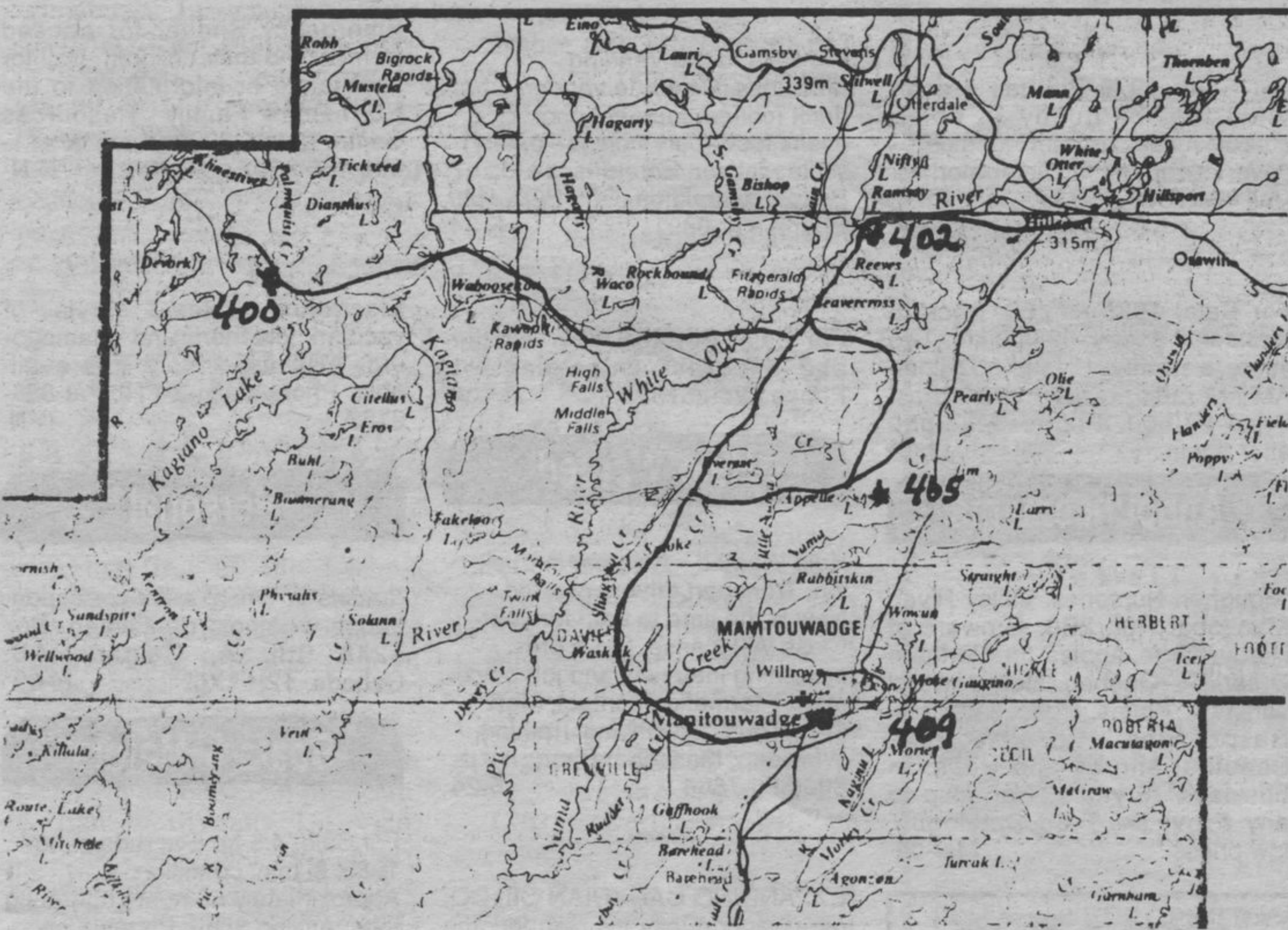
In all cases, the poor condition

is a result of either deterioration of untreated wood materials, or a design that cannot support the increased weight of trucks over the last decade.

Out of the 219 bridges studied, 66 are in the Thunder Bay District, 91 in Nipigon, 11 in Atikokan, 37 in Geraldton, and 14 in Terrace Bay.

Of the 14 bridges in the Terrace Bay District, four are not suitable for heavy traffic and two are not suitable for any traffic at all, leaving eight bridges that are in fine condition.

Nipigon had the poorest rating. Out of the 91 bridges studied there, 44 are not safe for any traffic.



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onship would be decided by a shoot out. However, at this point, the two MVPs from Schreiber showed why they were just that.

On the ensuing face off Gregg Zaporzan flipped the puck over the centreman's stick and broke around the defence, closing in on the Current River net to beat the goalie in just eight seconds.

Current River did not give up and had a good chance to tie the game as they had a two-man breakaway with 10 seconds to play. Chuck Boon made a big toe save and the exciting game came to an end with Schreiber winning 6 to 5.

Ron Larivee, the Schreiber coach, was quick to point out after the game that it was a total team effort.

"We needed strong goaltending, a tight defence and good two-

way hockey from our forwards if we wanted to keep it close.

"I really didn't think we could beat them but these kids have real heart and continue to surprise me with every game. That's why I enjoy coaching this team, they

never quit."

The tournament was well-organized and the out-of-town teams commented on how smooth everything went. Congratulations to the Schreiber Atom team and the tournament organizers.

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