

Canadians

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a very healthy entrepreneurial culture," Bulloch says. "We are finally moving away from the 'one business town' concept and into a series of much more diversified economies."

For example, British Columbia, which has suffered massive displacement of workers in the once-powerful forestry sector, registered the sharpest increase in self-employed workers (85.6 per cent) during the 1975-86 period. The already diversified economy of Prince Edward Island, on the other hand, had a marginal rise of 10.1 per cent. This, says Bulloch, reflects a much-needed shift away from traditional economic bases by British Columbian workers.

Another encouraging sign is the 67 per cent increase in the number of self-employed workers with paid help (employees). These entrepreneurs, says Bulloch, are in large part responsible for Canada's outstanding record in job creation. With 85 per cent of all new jobs coming from

Canada's small business sector during this same period of time, self-employed workers are obviously serious contributors to this enviable track record.

Among the other significant Statistics Canada findings was a confirmation that self-employment is more common with men than women: in 1986, 17 per cent of all male workers were self-employed compared to just 8 per cent of women. However, self-employment is growing more rapidly among women and between 1975 and 1986, the number of self-employed women increased by 118 per cent while self-employment among men grew by just 39 per cent.

Job creation and job satisfaction are two of the most compelling reasons why this injection of entrepreneurship is welcomed with open arms by politicians and economists alike. This very exciting trend has made the bond between entrepreneurship and a healthy economy even stronger.

Death

Kathleen Florence Thorsteinson (Higgins) Age 71 - Resident of Terrace Bay was taken from us suddenly November 17, 1988. Born in Montreal October 11, 1917. She moved to Schreiber at age 6 weeks with recently widowed mother Florence Higgins. Married in 1936 to Beggie Thorsteinson. Resided in Schreiber until 1940 moving then to Heron Bay. 1948 moved to Terrace Bay where she remained until her tragic death. Beggie & Kay celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 24, 1986.

She is survived by her 5 daughters - Dodie Priestley (Calgary) Mavis Godin (Schreiber) Ruth Polhill (Thunder Bay) Fay Figliomeni, and Patti Moon (Terrace Bay) 8 granddaughters, 9 grandsons, 4 great grandsons, cousins Mavis Slater and Eirene Harness.

Kay was predeceased by her father Arthur Higgins in 1917, her mother Florence Higgins on March 21, 1984 and her husband Beggie on November 18, 1986. Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. on November 21 at the Terrace Bay Community Church by Rev. Bob Elkin and Rev. David Sparks. Readings were read by grandchildren Judy Godin, Tim Priestley, Tracy Moon, Kerrey Priestley and Jamie Figliomeni. Honorary Pallbearers were - cousins Mavis & Al Slater, Eirene & Fred Harness and special friends Ida & Pete Romanuk, Sheila & Ron Dakin.

Pallbearers were Grandsons - Tim Priestley, David & Brad Godin, Chris, Steven & Jason Polhill, Jamie & Jon Figliomeni.

Should friends desire Memorial Donations of their choice would be greatly appreciated. Kay will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Attending from out of town - Thunder Bay Ruth & Rick Polhill, Chris, Steve, & Jason Polhill, Ann Marie Perrier, Robin Cummings, Debbie & Mel Sparling & Shane, Lillian Harrison & Shawna, Ken Thorsteinson, Dorothy Martell. Nipigon - Gord & Linda Laird, Cathy Thorsteinson, Bob Thorsteinson. Beardmore - Ed Thorsteinson, David & Cindy Kindla. Calgary - Dodie, Kelly & Kerrey & Justin Priestley. Kamloops - Tim Priestley. Also friends from Terrace Bay & Schreiber.

Auto repair laws

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return, the total amount owing, and the terms of the warranty.

A warranty must be provided on new or reconditioned parts and associated labor for a minimum of 90 days or 5,000 km. For motorcycles and motor-assisted bicycles, the warranty must be 30 days or 1,500 km.

warranties make car repairers responsible for work performed

Should the vehicle become unsafe or inoperable while the 90 warranty is in force, and it is not reasonable to contact the repairer, the customer can have the car towed to the nearest garage, and recover repair costs from the original repairer, plus towing charges. Of course, customers can return to the original repairer if they wish. However, the law does not cover routine maintenance items such as oil changes or tire rotation, which are not considered repairs.

The ministry's Consumer Services Bureau also receives complaints from consumers who find it difficult to have used parts returned to them. Customers say they can't verify that a bill for a new part is legitimate when the mechanic can't or won't produce the old part for inspection.

"Let's face it, a few unscrupulous operators in the car repair business were harming the industry's image as a whole," Mitchell says. "The new requirement for mechanics to return old parts on request can only improve the repairer/customer relationship."

The province's 16,000 garages and repair shops are also required to post their rates in public view, and to stipulate the methods used to calculate the charges. And they

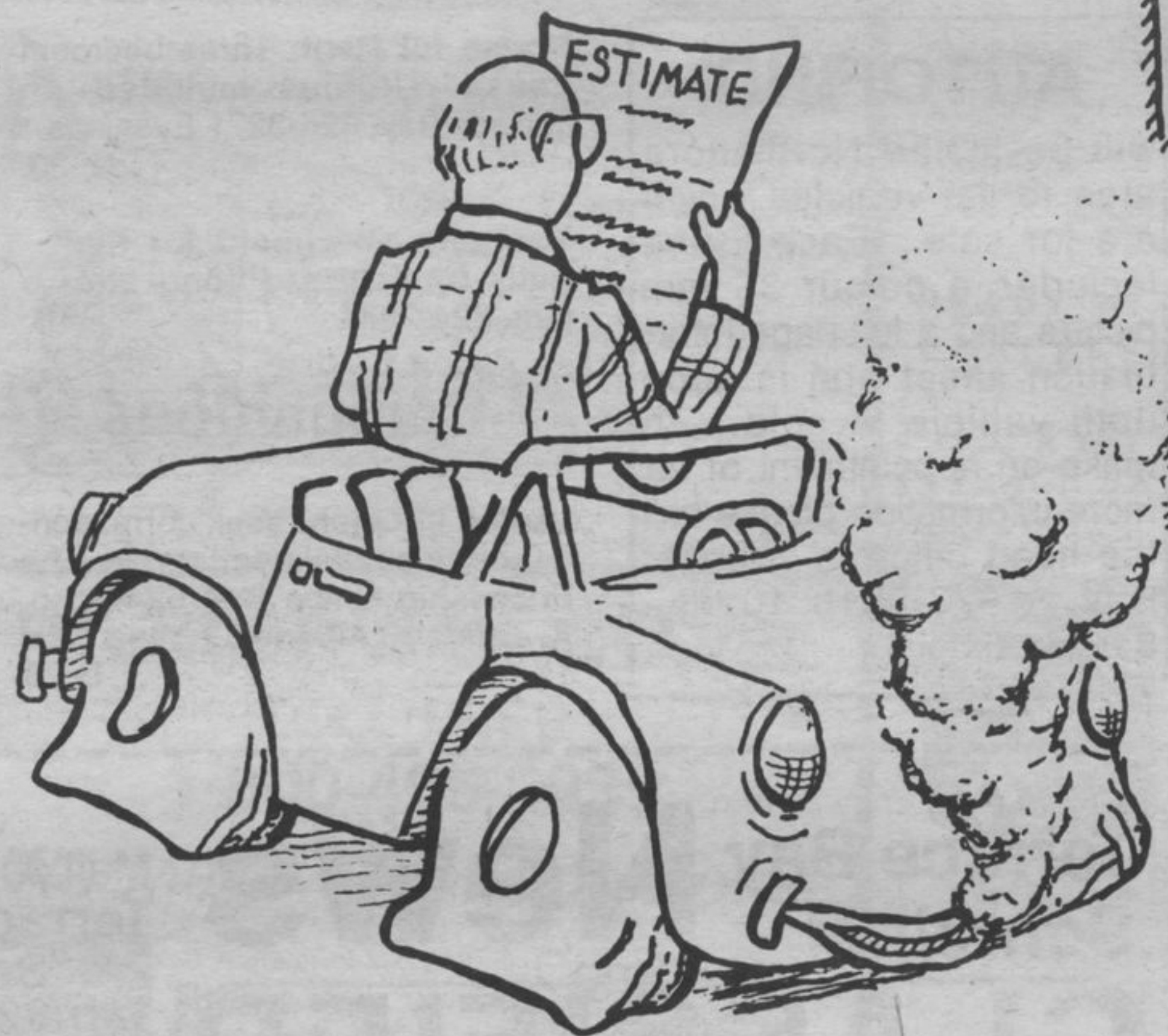
must post the telephone number of the nearest regional Consumer Services Bureau. "We are counting on consumers to take advantage of the new law, and give us a call if they encounter any problems," Mitchell says.

"The intent of the law," he says, "is to encourage better communication between repairer and customer; make a repairer responsible for the work done, and eliminate nasty surprises."



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Included in the new act are the following provisions:

- Repairers must provide a written estimate on request;
- Customers must be advised, in advance, if there is a fee for an estimate and the amount of the fee;
- The actual repair cost cannot exceed 10 per cent of the written estimate without authorization;
- The repairer must offer return of removed parts to the consumer when the work is authorized;
- A warranty must be provided on new or reconditioned parts and associated labour for a minimum of 90 days or 5,000 kilometres. For motorcycles and motor-assisted bicycles, the warranty period is 30 days or 1,500 kilometres.

- Conspicuous signs must be posted stating repair rates and the methods used to calculate the charges.
- A detailed invoice must be provided to the customer describing the vehicle, work performed, parts installed and their price, number of hours billed, and terms of the warranty.

If the vehicle becomes inoperable or unsafe due to defective repairs while under warranty, the customer must return the vehicle to the original repairer unless it is unreasonable to do so. If it is necessary to have the vehicle repaired by another repairer, the consumer may recover the original cost of the work and reasonable towing charges from the original repairer.

All car repairers must display a sign directing consumer complaints to the nearest regional

office of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

TORONTO 416-963-0321;
THUNDER BAY 807-475-1641;
LONDON 519-679-7150;
WINDSOR 519-254-6413;
HAMILTON 416-521-7554;
OTTAWA 613-566-3878;
SUDBURY 705-675-4378;
PETERBOROUGH 705-743-8782

ATTENTION REPAIRERS: Repairers needing additional details may obtain a fact sheet and other information by contacting the nearest Consumer Services Bureau indicated above.

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations



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David Peterson, Premier

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