## Anne's seen worse roads too

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besides dry goods, hardware, drugs, and so on.

My building is about 20 feet off Boon street. I discovered that snow was pushed up against my home, all over the outside basement entrance, over the gas tanks and the cement blocks where the gas tanks stations for pumps stood.

It is a wonder that the snow blades weren't broken. This was all

done without my permission. The former highway crews always put a high drift on both sides of Boon Street. When they had excess snow, they always pushed it across the street to our empty lots over there, thus not in anyones way and we never minded that.

I have asked to discontinue this dumping of snow on my home property. If they are short of workers why don't they hire men that aren't employed to work - if they can't drive a vehicle, surely they can wield a shovel. We need men like our retired highway men that are pensioned now, such as Romeo Bouchard, Dave Mushqush, Eungen Gerow, Felix and Herb Legault and others who knew how to and keep the highway in excellent condition. Here's hoping that the heavy machines of today don't cause the cement block enclosure

of basement entrance to collapse or melted snow leak into my basement.

The original highway 17 ran through our village along the shoreline to Selim where it crossed over the CPR tracks in a double "S" curve and never had an accident. Old Bailey bridges were used over creeks and rivers. In the late fifties and early sixties the village was bypassed at the west end and bridges built over tracks and route above the lakeshore.

The late George Kay was the road foreman at the time and Ted Lynch was the contractor who constructed the change over. Now we have both an east and west turnoff to the highway.

This year is no exception for heavy snowfall, high drifts, doorways blocked, snow piled over halfway over windows. We gave

permission to crews that they could put surplus snow on our empty lots across the street. So there was no excuse to cover my basement entrance or push snow up against my home.

We always had piles of snow here. It has displeased me a great deal for anyone to the liberty.



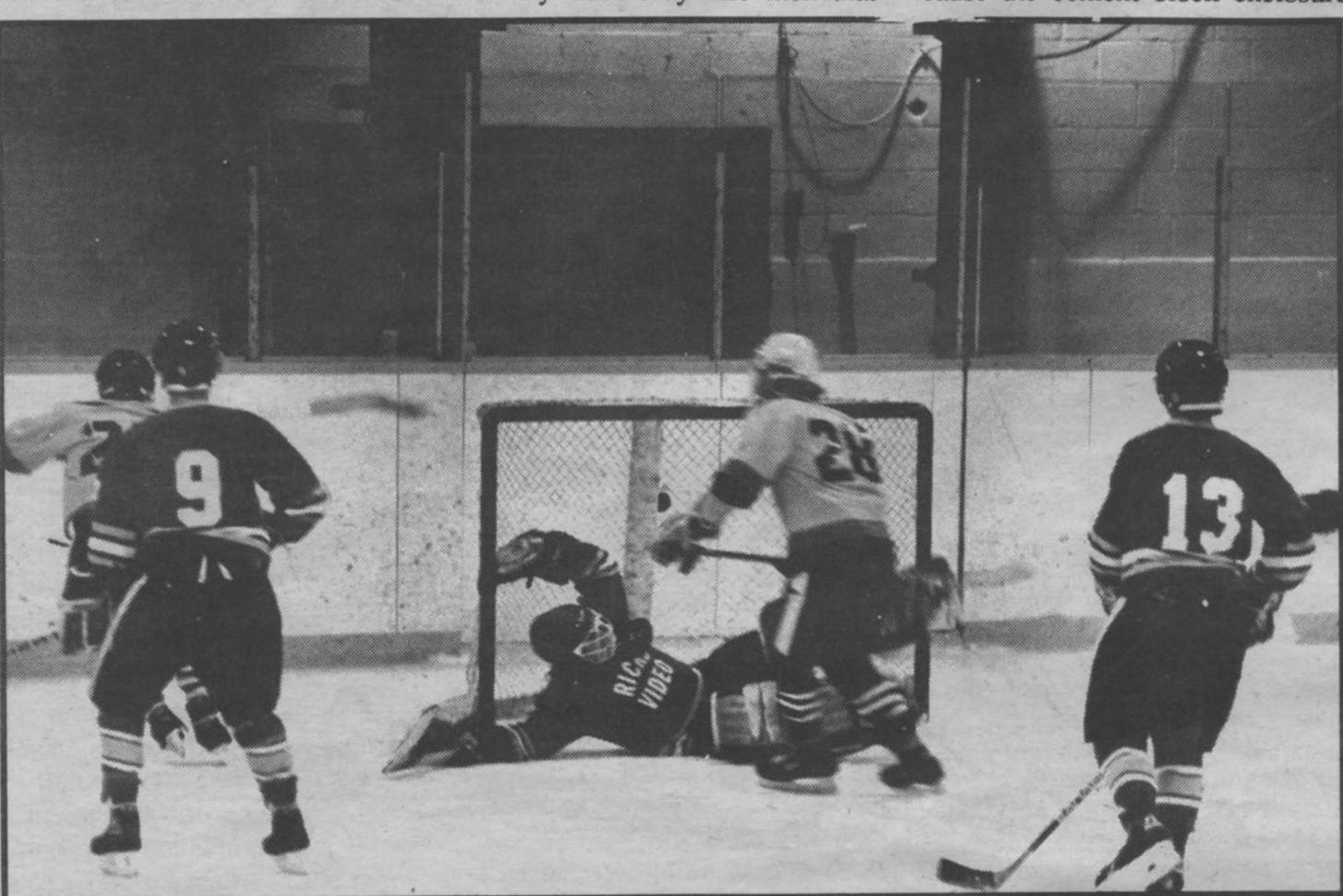
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Photo by Dave Chmara

# Cheap real estate for sale says Mary Hubelit

By Mary Hubelit

Tired of all this snow? Bored with the view of neighbors' houses? Feel just a smidgin of the old pioneer spirit still bubbling in your tired blood?

creet item in the January issue of Harrowsmith that you might want to explore: in the "Emporium -Mail-Order Products and Services" section the headline "Canadian Lands" caught my eye. Would you believe you can buy 5.5 acres of N. Ontario camping site for just \$2,998? Or would you rather have a 40-acre British Columbia retreat for \$8,466? Think of the veggies and fruit you could probably grow on 3 acres of Nova Scotia riverfront! Only \$4,979 to buy all three acres! The H. M. Dignam Corp. has been in business for 73 years, according to the ad, and I'll bet there are some very exciting human interest stories to be told about land deals.

One's motivation in pursuing such a message and ultimately buying a piece of real estate is the stuff of novels and T.V. shows. Such

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motivation wrote the history of the world and the biographies of dozens of explorers. It also triggered wars and destruction down through the centuries.

There is a provocative but discret item in the January issue of crowsmith that you might want explore: in the "Emporium cail-Order Products and Services" long enough to make enough money to get out of it. Some, of course, are sufficiently gregarious to actually enjoy living in cities!

It is unfortunate that there are so few acreages left after man 'improves' the land for farming or 'utilizes' it for timber harvesting, but maybe, just maybe, even a few small plots such as advertised might, just might, provide vital ecological oases across the land.

Let's carry our day-dream one

step further - let's hope that everyone who buys one of these properties has a vision of a restored and viable corner of the earth where Nature can carry on her splendid organization and exquisite balance.

Let's hope that man will soon be caring enough to protect the earth he lives on.

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