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New clubhouse will be ready for golf season

By Angie Saunders

A new club house for the golf course in Terrace Bay has been under construction and is close to being finished.

The upstairs of the club house will include a canteen and a pro shop. Also upstairs is the beautiful licensed dining lounge lighted by twenty chandeliers. A breathtaking view of the golf course can be seen through all the windows

surrounding the dining lounge.

Large lockers, which will be large enough to fit a golf bag and cart, will be installed on the lower level.

Shower facilities will also be available downstairs.

The new club house will be welcomed by all golf enthusiasts around Terrace Bay and Schreiber who can't wait for the 1990 golf season. It will also be an attractive draw for tourists.

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trating on its depopulation problem, instead of sending out confusing messages about linguistic policy. He says he's very worried about the fact there are 8 and a half million people in the south, and that number is growing rapidly. While in the north, our population is barely a million, and shrinking.

"Perhaps the most significant impact of this out-migration from the north is the loss of political leverage," Kozyra warns. "At the present time we have 15 northern members, out of 130. But there are 40 members in Metro Toronto alone, and another 40, in a 25 mile radius from Toronto. That's 80 seats from the Golden Horseshoe. Over the next 25 years, given population growth projection, if the House increases in numbers, there may be 200 members in the provincial House. The north, if it doesn't grow, will stay at 15 members. So we'll go on a percentage representation basis in the Legislature from 12% to 8%--a 50% reduction. That translates into a loss of political leverage and influence."

Both McLeod and Kozyra are urging northerners to be very careful about the message we're sending to the south. They didn't exactly say we should bow down and be grateful for small mercies, but almost. Instead, they're asking the north to put forward specific solutions to specific problems, backed up by hard data, instead of rhetoric.

David Hamilton, the newly elected President of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League, has the ominous task of satisfying the 21 disgruntled northern municipal councils that elected him, arguing in favour of resolutions opposing bilingualism and francophone school boards passed by his organization, and at the same time not alienating the Peterson Government, when those Liberals aren't in much of a

mood to listen.

He's started off by rejecting McLeod's call for less whining. "Northern Ontario is a part of Ontario, but a reluctant part. This is, historically, New Ontario. And it was a rather unusual and bizarre decision that created that history. This area, and I've lived here all my life, has always had an alienation feeling. It is something that has been underlying for years, and it deals with the basic amenities of transportation, health care, and the rest."

To back up his argument, Hamilton is calling for yet another economic study--one that would look at how many dollars are taken out of the north by Ottawa and Queen's Park from resource industries, and how many dollars come back in. Hamilton says northerners have "that underlying feeling that we have been taken, that we have more removed from us than we have received. That feeling will be dealt with effectively only when we have proper economic data."

I hope Hamilton's study is finished before David Peterson calls the election. Without it, we'll all be swamped with claims and counter claims about whether the north is justified in feeling ripped off. Without solid facts to back up either side, the next election will see municipal councils that have passed "English Only" resolutions not only being called "narrowminded bigots", but also ingrates, for not being thankful enough for all the goodies bestowed on the north by the Benefactors wearing Red Ties.

On the other hand, if the study is done before the election, and proves our long-standing northern fear that we actually have been giving more than receiving, then we can have a truly informed public debate about northern Ontario, before we vote.

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