

# All the world's a circus

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d) people who think it's pretty nifty to bring a humongous hot air balloon to an open house.

Step 6: SIZE: "Is it enough house for you?" is the question most real estate agents will ask you. "Is it a heavy fine for not wearing that tacky company blazer?" is a question you might want to ask an agent. It's always tempting to cut corners when buying your first house but believe me, later on the lack of toilet and bathing facilities can turn house guests against you. On the other hand, if you're working nights as a dew worm picker to supplement your day job at the car wash, then a house with a helicopter pad is probably too much house for you.

Step 7: INSPECTION: It's important that you have someone

inspect your prospective house so that at some later date, the existence of things like a basement and a furnace don't turn out to be just bad rumours. Every house, by law, must now be inspected for termites, parasites and other pests that may have once owned your home and flipped it for a quick profit. Too many inspectors are soft on the building trade that is in fact their meal ticket. Find an inspector who's ruthless, aggressive, and borderline obnoxious and who's never going to tell you what you want to hear. That's right - ask your mother-in-law to look things over.

Step 8: NEGOTIATING: Negotiating a price to purchase a home is a complicated series of offers and counter offers that begins when you mention a figure that's more money than you'll ever earn in four lifetimes and the

seller laughs so hard he makes a rude noise and has a coughing fit. This is where your real estate agent enters the picture...at the sound of the rude noise.

Step 9: REFERENCES: Many first time house buyers are required to supply names of credible people on the purchase application, who may be contacted to vouch for your good character. Recently credible people in this country have been put on the endangered species list. In lieu of character references, the rules have been relaxed somewhat allowing you to:

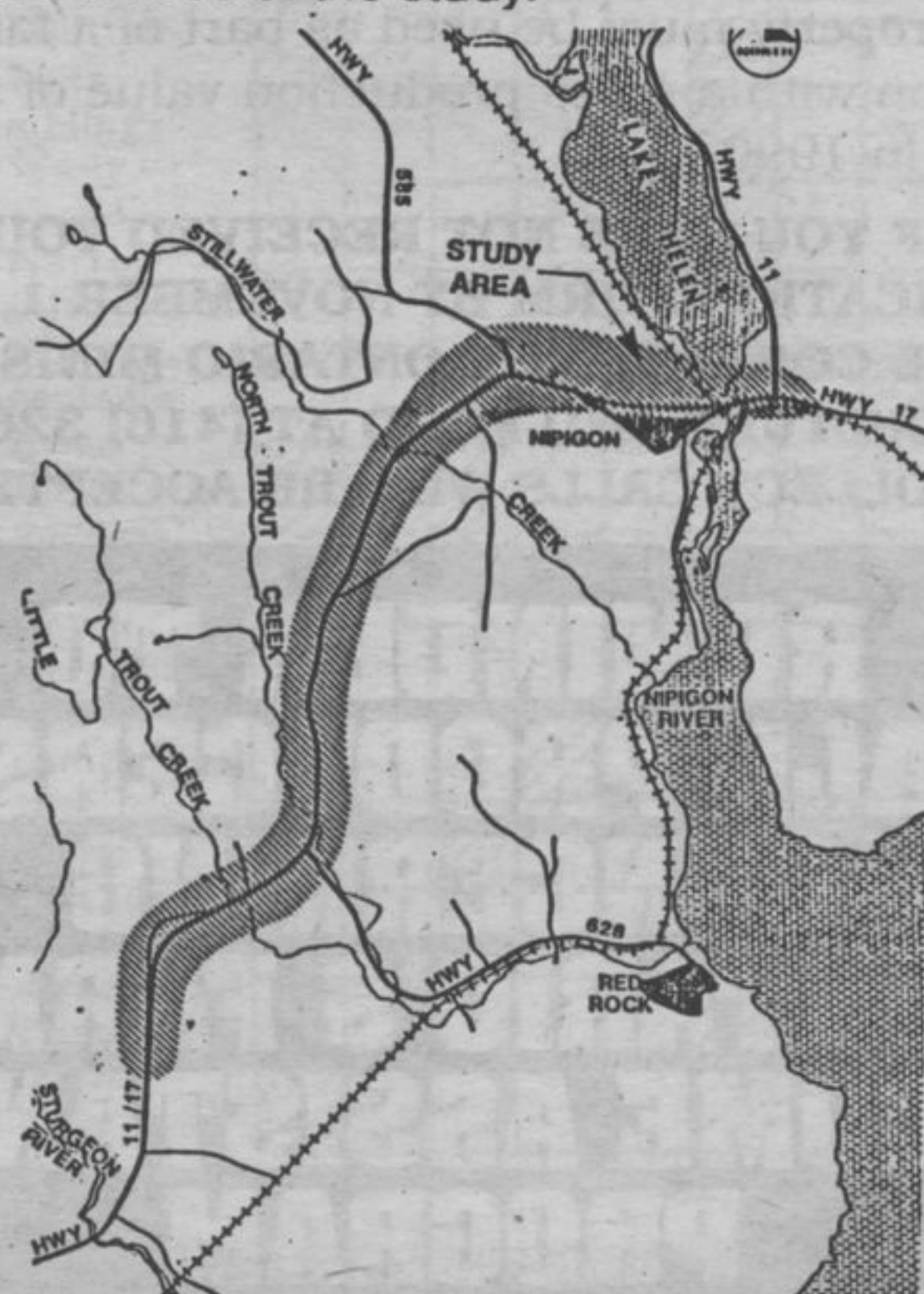
- a) admit to all past criminal convictions but swear you're about to be appointed to the Senate.
- b) transfer all outstanding warrants to your wife's name.
- c) justify your vile character by producing a membership card of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.
- d) play dumb and deny.

Step 10: CLOSING: Basically this is the ceremonial transfer of all the money you will earn, hide from Revenue Canada and pick out of coin return slots for the rest of your natural life in return for the key to the front door of the house your bank manager now owns and lets you live in with certain conditions. You also get a document which states that when archeologists from outer space are picking through the earth's ruins in the fourth or fifth millennium, and provided that you have maintained your monthly payments up until that point in time, you will have reduced your principle by \$350. This is a mortgage. You're now a homeowner. The blue box is free.

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### HIGHWAY 11/17 (RED ROCK TO NIPIGON)

The Ministry of Transportation is currently carrying out a Planning Study of the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 11/17) between the junction of Highways 11 and 17 at Nipigon, and the west boundary of the Township of Red Rock. This study will examine alternatives associated with upgrading the Trans-Canada Highway to a four lane highway, including the twinning of the Nipigon River Bridge. The maintenance of access to local businesses and residences will be a key issue throughout the course of the study.



This information centre is intended to provide the public with the opportunity to review the study background and discuss the proposed four-laning of the Trans-Canada Highway, prior to the development of alternatives.

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns you or your group may have about this project. In order to familiarize you with the study and to provide the opportunity to discuss your concerns with the Ministry of Transportation staff, PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES will be held as follows:

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Further information centres will be held in the spring and summer of 1991 at key points in the study which is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1991. You are encouraged to contact Ministry of Transportation staff throughout the course of the study if you have questions or concerns.

Upon completion of this study, a Planning Report will be prepared. Subsequent to this study, a detailed design study will be carried out which will include the preparation of documentation required under the Environmental Assessment Act. This documentation will be made available for public viewing. A further public notice will be published at that time.

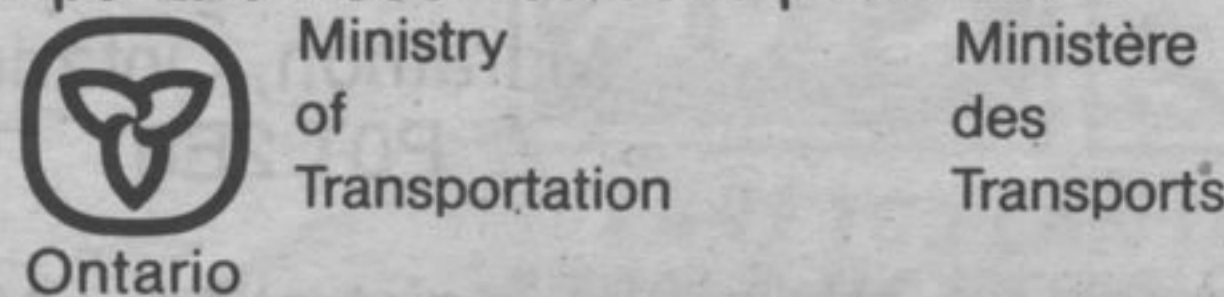
Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. Your comments will be maintained as a public data base and will be kept on file for use during the study and, unless otherwise requested, may be included in the study documentation which is made available for public review.

Comments and enquiries may be directed to:

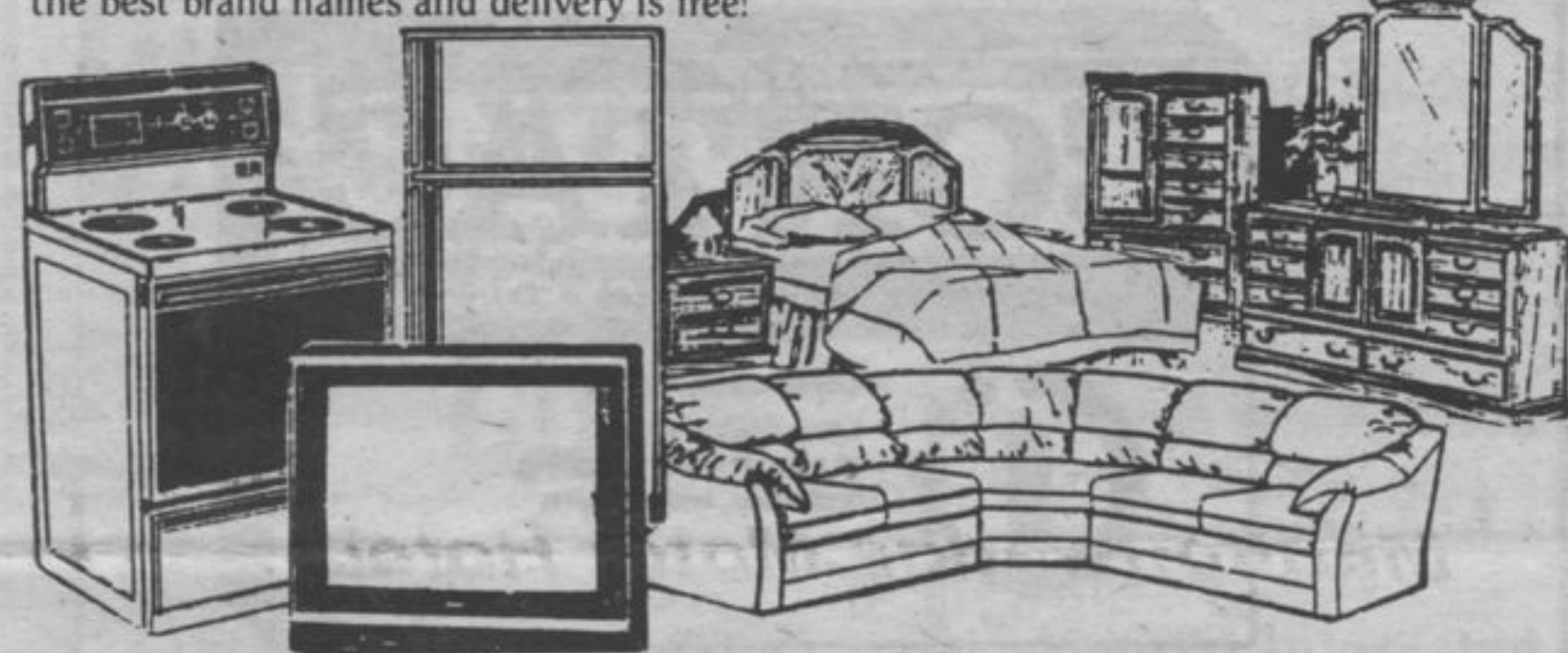
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