

PIECES of HISTORY

Art Shaw



The Eaton family was one of the earliest to settle in the area of Seeley's Bay. Jabez Eaton came to lot 9 in the 8th concession of Leeds Township in 1812. The blanket box shown was made by a member of the Eaton family from the virgin pine timber that grew on that property.

The 4 sides and top are each a single board 1 1/8" thick. The top is 23 1/4 x 44 3/4 including the applied bullnose moulding on the edges. The sides are 23 x 42 1/4. The bottom is made up of tongue and groove boards running across the width of the box. The total height is 26" including the 3 1/2" base moulding. The corners are butted and fastened without nails. Inside the chest, the unfinished wood is still bright and fresh looking, while the exterior is finished with a milk-base paint in fine condition. These factors indicate that the chest was probably made in the late 19th Century.

Gerald Cockerill inherited the chest with other furniture from his aunt who married Cyrus Eaton. By Mr. Cockerill's generosity, it is now in the collection of the Delta Mill Society.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION (English Style)

In England, a Parish Council decided to go without street lights for several days to save money. Afterwards, the treasurer happily reported the resultant savings of \$33.77.

The Hydro Company, however, charged them \$55.44 for turning the power off and an additional \$36.00 for turning it back on.

So it had cost them \$56.67 to spend three days in darkness.

ontario hydro 

RATE INCREASES SET FOR 1982

On October 28 Ontario Hydro announced rate increases for 1982 averaging 9.6% to the province's 324 municipal electrical utilities and 10% to about 100 large direct industrial customers. Customers of Hydro's rural retail system will receive an increase averaging 8.7%. Year-round rural residential customers will be provided with a discount to reduce their bills in accordance with the proposed amendment to the Power Corporation Act which received second reading in the legislature. The new legislation requires a reduction in the rate differential between year-round residential rural and urban customers to 15%.

Of the total 9.6% increase in the rates for bulk electricity approved by Hydro's Board of Directors, 1.3% points is needed to cover the cost of providing the discount for rural residential customers. The remaining 8.3% is needed to cover higher costs.

Hydro Chairman Hugh McCauly said the effect of the 9.6% increase on customers of the municipal utilities will depend upon how it works in with other costs facing the utilities.

The combination of the reduced rural-urban rate differential and the 8.7% increase for 1982 means a year-round rural residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month will face a net increase of 4.8% in his electricity bills next year. Therefore, a customer whose monthly bill this year is \$49 and who benefitted from the government subsidy for a net bill of \$45.60 in 1981 would next year be billed \$53.18 minus the rural assistance of \$5.40 for a net bill of \$47.78.

Without the rate assistance, rural residential customers of Ontario Hydro would have paid an average of 28% more for their electricity in 1982 than customers of municipal utilities in the cities and towns. Reducing it to 15% in accordance with the legislation, McCauly said creates a need for an additional \$34 million from all Hydro customers.

"With general inflation expected to run at about 11.5% next year Hydro's Board of Directors' feels these increases are very reasonable."

He said that export sales of electricity to the U.S. and continued strong performance of nuclear generating units are 2 important factors assisting Hydro in keeping the 1982 rate increases below the rate of inflation.

Like most organizations, Hydro faces higher prices for the goods and services it needs. For example, Hydro continues to need a substantial amount of coal to meet the demand for electricity and will have to pay more per ton for it.

For the first time, costs of programs for reducing future emissions of acid gas from coal-burning power stations, for future decommissioning of nuclear stations and for permanent storage of used nuclear fuel have all been factored into rates.

In its presentation to the Ontario Energy Board this year, Hydro proposed a rate increase of 8.6%. The effect of the OEB's recommendations would have reduced the increase to 6.2%, McCauly said. He said Hydro's Board has accepted the rate increase resulting from the OEB's recommendations except for delaying implementation of an improved method of accounting for bond transactions.

"This recommendation was not accepted by the Hydro Board because we felt the previous policy no longer provided an appropriate representation of costs, particularly in light of current high interest rates. The Hydro Board believes that implementation now is both fair and in the best long run interest of Hydro's customers."

"Going ahead with that policy adds 2.1 percentage points to the 6.2% suggested by the OEB, for a total of 8.3%, less than we originally proposed. The 1.3% points needed to reduce the urban/rural differential brings the total increase in bulk power costs for next year to 9.6%."



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