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himself has a septic tank at his summer home which is cleaned out regularly. She added, though, that Millett is not paying the high taxes on this residence that the residents of Lincoln Road are on their homes, and who also must be satisfied with septic tanks all year round.

The BRUNSWICKAN contacted Councillor Millett to see how he explained his opposition to the proposed facilities.

Millett, who is also chairman of the finance committee, first of all assured us that he is not "opposed" to the installation of water and sewage services on Lincoln Road. He says the city merely "can't afford it at this time." The prospect of polluted wells also does not seem to be bothering Millett at the present. He admitted that the Department of Health had found one bad well but that this was "possibly caused by the people who owned it." He said that the extension of facilities would come as soon as it could be afforded and that at the present it would cost about \$10,000 per household. This is an argument which, as we have said, has been refuted by some of the residents. He said he does not think the proposal is feasible at the present but said that when it does come, it would open up the area. (Councillor Wayne Nightingale has questioned at council meetings whether the project will EVER be "economically feasible.")

Millett felt that the protesting residents were possibly forgetting that they moved to that area so as to buy lots cheaply; there was no promise of water and sewage.

Millett did indeed bring up the subject of his summer cottage at Yoho Lake and said that the septic tank receives regular attention. He suggested that the residents of Lincoln Road tended to sit back and wait for the city to take action to solve the situation.

Millett said that lots right in the city were more expensive as the developers had to pay for the costs of water and sewage themselves, whereas the people of Lincoln Road did not pay for this service when they bought their lots and were merely demanding it. (Nevertheless they will have to pay for the service if it is installed.) He did mention, though, that the profits received by the developers in the heart of the city "might be more than reasonable."

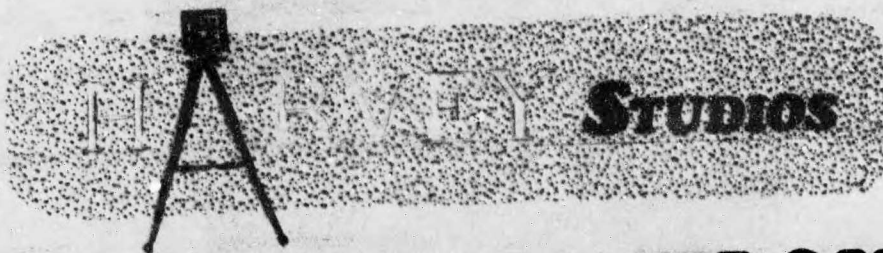
At any rate, Millett said that the extension of water and sewage services to Lincoln Road, "is not in the crystal ball this year," due to limits on the amount that the city can afford. He added that water and sewage service is a utility which is costing most home-

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Across the road from this motel a pipe leads to the river dumping untreated sewage into the St. John River. Photo by Gary Constantine

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